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That His Excellency the Governor be hereby authorized and empowered, with the advice and consent of the Council, to employ some suitable person and fix his compensation, to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to collect, arrange, transcribe, and superintend the publication of such portions of the early state and provincial records and other state papers of New Hampshire as the Governor may deem proper; and that eight hundred copies of each volume of the same be printed by the state printer, and distributed as follows: namely, one copy to each city and town in the State, one copy to such of the public libraries in the State as the Governor may designate, fifty copies to the New Hampshire Historical Society, and the remainder placed in the custody of the state librarian, who is hereby authorized to exchange the same for similar publications by other states.

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You are also authorized to include in said work such rolls of the soldiers of New Hampshire in the French and Indian and Revolutionary wars as may be available, and which have not already been published in the volumes edited by Isaac W. Hammond, Esq.

You will also cause such explanatory notes and citations, tables of contents and indexes, with such illustrative papers, maps and plans as you may deem useful, to be prepared and made a part of your work.

This I deem proper to be done, and I give these directions in accordance with the provisions of the joint resolution relating to the preservation and publication of portions of the early state and provincial records and other state papers of New Hampshire, approved August 4th, 1881.

Given under my hand at Concord this 16th day of October, A. D. 1890.

D. H. GOODELL,
Governor.

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PREFACE.

The temporary constitution, adopted by the revolutionary assembly of New Hampshire in 1776, was superseded in 1784 by a new constitution. This instrument gave the State a government which was still largely parliamentary. It provided for a chief executive, but gave him no veto on legislation, and surrounded him with a council chosen by and from the legislative branch. At the time of the adoption of the constitution, the people of the American states had come to a full realization of the impotence of the confederacy which had been formed under the Articles of Confederation, and of the necessity for a more efficient organic law for the union. This epoch has been well described as the "critical period in American history." The experience of New Hampshire at this time was not essentially different from that of the other American states. The performance of some of their most important federal duties could not be enforced upon the states, and domestic conditions were deplorable. The burdens imposed by the war were oppressive. A depreciated, fluctuating, and insufficient currency was a potent factor in the demoralization of business. Interstate commerce was at the mercy of conflicting legislation from as many legislatures as there were states, and foreign trade was subject to all the caprices of foreign avarice and intrigue. In this and the two succeeding volumes the legislative journals and executive records will be given entire, for the period beginning with the inauguration of government under the constitution of 1784 and ending with the close of the political year 1792–93, when a new constitution "took place." The Town Papers, edited by the late Isaac W. Hammond, being volumes XI, XII, and XIII of the full series of which the present volume is a continuation, and Mr. Hammond's vol-

umes XVII and XVIII of Miscellaneous State Papers, contain much illustrative matter which is contemporaneous with these journals. The Hammond volumes are freely cited in this work. Their contents are an essential part of the record, and the influences that then moved legislation cannot, in most instances, be discerned without reference to the petitions, remonstrances, and other documents which their editor comprehensively described as "Town Papers" and "Miscellaneous Papers." The public and private acts which were the product of the legislation of this period, so far as can now be ascertained, were never published in full. The more important laws of a general and permanent nature were included in compilations, such as the Revised Laws of 1792. All the acts both of a public and private nature are supposed to be contained in Mss. volumes in the office of the Secretary of State. The State has furnished a valuable key to these in the "Index to the Laws of New Hampshire," edited by the late Dr. Edward Aiken, and published under the direction of the Secretary of State. In the preparation of the volume of journals and executive records now presented, an arrangement has been pursued which places them in convenient and natural order for reference. No elimination of any part of the record has been permitted. The original printed journals have not been found for all the sessions in the three years from June, 1784, to June, 1787. Where such printed journals were accessible they have been consulted and compared with the Mss. journals, (a complete series of which has been preserved for the period during which the constitution of 1786 was in force,) and all material differences indicated by the use of brackets or otherwise. The records of the executive council for this period were never before printed.

It should be noted in reference to the records of the president and council, that the numbering of the official Mss. volumes begins with the political year 1784–85. The nominations as well as confirmations and other official acts of that body for two years, are contained in a single volume, which is numbered and described as "1 P. & C."

After the close of the second political year, a separate record of nominations was kept in a volume which is designated "1 B. N." The record book which contains the other contemporaneous acts of the president and council is designated "2 P. & C."

Following the method of Mr. Hammond in previous volumes — a method with which those who consult the work are presumed to be familiar — an index of names and an index of places are separately given. These will indicate the page on which every name of person and place mentioned in the book may be found. In addition to these, indexes of subjects and of biographical notes have been provided. The star paging in the margins indicates the volume and page of the Mss. records from which the copy is made. The object of this work is to give the full official record through as long a period of time as possible within the space allowed, and thus to make it more generally available for the public use. This view may not entirely preclude, but it necessarily restricts, the appendage of elaborate historical or critical notes. Tables of officials and biographical notes and citations accompany the text, and are intended, like the indexes, as aids to those who, as officials or as students, may have occasion to use the work. In its preparation the official co-operation of His Excellency Governor David H. Goodell and the members of his council, and of His Excellency Governor Hiram A. Tuttle and the members of his council, has been cordially extended, and is acknowledged with pleasure. Mr. Otis G. Hammond has been an efficient assistant. Every needed service within their power has been afforded by the official custodians of contemporaneous state records and references. It has been necessary, however, to make the largest use of the archives preserved in the office of the Secretary of State. The Hon. Ezra S. Stearns, the present Secretary, has not only afforded in the work every official courtesy, but he has given it the benefit of his excellent judgment and his thorough knowledge of the general and documentary history of the state.

THE EDITOR.

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A CONSTITUTION

CONTAINING A

BILL OF RIGHTS, AND FORM OF GOVERNMENT.

Agreed upon by the Delegates of the people of the State of New Hampshire, in Convention, held at Concord, on the first Tuesday of June, 1783; submitted to, and approved of, by the people of said State; and established by their Delegates in Convention, October 31, 1783.

PART I.

THE BILL OF RIGHTS.

Article I.

All men are born equally free and independent; therefore, all government of right originates from the people, is founded in consent, and instituted for the general good.

II. All men have certain natural, essential, and inherent rights; among which are the enjoying and defending life and liberty — acquiring, possessing and protecting property — and in a word, of seeking and obtaining happiness.

III. When men enter into a state of society, they surrender up some of their natural rights to that society, in order to insure the protection of others; and, without such an equivelant, the surrender is void.

IV. Among the natural rights, some are in their very nature unalienable, because no equivelant can be given or received for them. Of this kind are the Rights of Conscience.

V. Every individual has a natural and unalienable right to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience, and reason; and no subject shall be hurt, molested, or restrained in his person, liberty or estate for worshipping God in the manner and season most agreeable to the dictates of his own conscience, or for his religious profession, sentiments or persuasion; provided he doth not disturb the public peace, or disturb others in their religious worship.

VI. As morality and piety, rightly grounded on evangelical principles, will give the best and greatest security to government, and will lay in the hearts of men the strongest obligations to due subjection; and as the knowledge of these, is most likely to be propagated through a society by the institution of the public worship of the Deity, and of public instruction in morality and religion; therefore, to promote those important purposes, the people of this state have a right to empower, and do hereby fully empower the legislature to authorize from time to time, the several towns, parishes bodies-corporate, or religious societies within this state, to make adequate provision at their own expense, for the support and maintenance of public protestant teachers of piety, religion and morality:

Provided notwithstanding, That the several towns, parishes, bodies corporate, or religious societies, shall at all times have the exclusive right of electing their own public teachers, and of contracting with them for their support and maintenance. And no portion of any one particular religious sect or denomination, shall ever be compelled to pay towards the support of the teacher or teachers of another persuasion, sect or denomination.

And every denomination of christians demeaning themselves quietly, and as good subjects of the State, shall be equally under the protection of the law: and no subordination of any one sect or denomination to another, shall ever be established by law.

And nothing herein shall be understood to affect any former contracts made for the support of the ministry; but all such contracts shall remain, and be in the same state as if this constitution had not been made.

VII. The people of this State, have the sole and exclusive right of governing themselves as a free, sovereign and independent State, and do, and forever hereafter shall exercise, and enjoy every power, jurisdiction and right pertaining thereto, which is not, or may not hereafter be by them expressly delegated to the United States of America in Congress assembled.

VIII. All power residing originally in, and being derived from the people, all the magistrates and officers of government, are their substitutes and agents, and at all times accountable to them.

IX. No office or place whatsoever in government, shall be hereditary — the abilities and integrity requisite in all, not being transmissible to posterity or relations.

X. Government being instituted for the common benefit, protection, and security of the whole community, and not for the private interest or emolument of any one man, family or class of men; therefore, whenever the ends of government are perverted, and public liberty manifestly endangered, and all other means of redress are ineffectual, the people may, and of right ought, to reform the old, or establish a new government. The doctrine of non-resistance against arbitrary power, and oppression, is absurd; slavish, and destructive of the good and happiness of mankind.

XI. All elections ought to be free, and every inhabitant of the State having the proper qualifications, has equal right to elect, and be elected into office.

XII. Every member of the community has a right to be protected by it in the enjoyment of his life, liberty and property; he is therefore bound to contribute his share in the expense of such protection, and to yield his personal service when necessary, or an equivelent. But no part of a man's property shall be taken from him, or applied to public uses, without his own consent, or that of the representative body of the people. Nor are the inhabitants of this State controllable by any other laws than those to which they, or their representative body have given their consent.

XIII. No person who is conscientiously scrupulous about the lawfulness of bearing arms, shall be compelled thereto, provided he will pay an equivelent.

XIV. Every subject of this State is entitled to a certain remedy, by having recourse to the laws, for all injuries he may receive in his person, property or character, to obtain right and justice freely, without being obliged to purchase it; completely, and without any denial; promptly, and without delay, conformably to the laws.

XV. No subject shall be held to answer for any crime, or offence, until the same is fully and plainly, substantially and formally described to him; or be compelled to accuse or furnish evidence against himself. And every subject shall have a right to produce all proofs that may be favorable to himself: To meet the witnesses against him face to face, and to be fully heard in his defence by himself and counsel. And no subject shall be arrested, imprisoned, despoiled, or deprived of his property, immunities, or privileges,

put out of the protection of the law, exiled or deprived of his life, liberty, or estate, but by the judgment of his peers or the law of the land.

XVI. No subject shall be liable to be tried, after an acquittal, for the same crime or offence. — Nor shall the legislature make any law that shall subject any person to a capital punishment, excepting for the government of the army and navy, and the militia in actual service, without trial by jury.

XVII. In criminal prosecutions, the trial of facts in the vicinity where they happen, is so essential to the security of the life, liberty, and estate of the citizen; that no crime or offence ought to be tried in any other county than that in which it is committed; except in cases of general insurrection in any particular county, when it shall appear to the judges of the superior-court, that an impartial trial cannot be had in the county where the offence may be committed, and upon their report, the assembly shall think proper to direct the trial in the nearest county in which an impartial trial can be obtained.

XVIII. All penalties ought to be proportioned to the nature of the offence. No wise legislature will affix the same punishment to the crimes of theft, forgery, and the like, which they do to those of murder and treason; where the same undistinguishing severity is exerted against all offences, the people are led to forget the real distinction in the crimes themselves, and to commit the most flagrant with as little compunction as they do those of the lightest dye. For the same reason a multitude of sanguinary laws is both impolitic and unjust. The true design of all punishments being to reform, not to exterminate mankind.

XIX. Every subject hath a right to be secure from all unreasonable searches and seizures of his person, his houses, his papers, and all his possessions. All warrants, therefore, are contrary to this right, if the cause or foundation of them be not previously supported by oath, or affirmation; and if the order in the warrant to a civil officer, to make search in suspected places, or to arrest one or more suspected persons, or to seize their property, be not accompanied with a special designation of the persons or objects of search, arrest or seizure; and no warrant ought to be issued but in cases, and with the formalities prescribed by the laws.

XX. In all controversies concerning property, and in all suits between two or more persons, except in cases in which it has been heretofore otherwise used and practised, the parties have a right to a trial by jury; and this method of procedure shall be held sacred, unless in causes arising on the high seas, and such as relate to mariners wages, the legislature shall think it necessary hereafter to alter it.

XXI. In order to reap the fullest advantage of the inestimable privilege of the trial by jury, great care ought to be taken that none but qualified persons should be appointed to serve ; and such ought to be fully compensated for their travel, time and attendance.

XXII. The Liberty of the press is essential to the security of freedom in a State ; it ought, therefore, to be inviolably preserved.

XXIII. Retrospective laws are highly injurious, oppressive and unjust. No such laws, therefore, should be made, either for the decision of civil causes, or the punishment of offences.

XXIV. A well regulated militia is the proper, natural, and sure defence of a State.

XXV. Standing armies are dangerous to liberty, and ought not to be raised or kept up without the consent of the legislature.

XXVI. In all cases, and at all times, the military ought to be under strict subordination to, and governed by the civil power.

XXVII. No soldier in time of peace, shall be quartered in any house without the consent of the owner ; and in time of war, such quarters ought not to be made but by the civil magistrate, in a manner ordained by the legislature.

XXVIII. No subsidy, charge, tax, impost or duty shall be established, fixed, laid or levied, under any pretext whatsoever, without the consent of the people, or their representatives in the legislature, or authority derived from that body.

XXIX. The power of suspending the laws, or the execution of them, ought never to be exercised but by the legislature, or by authority derived therefrom, to be exercised in such particular cases only as the legislature shall expressly provide for.

XXX. The freedom of deliberation, speech, and debate, in either house of the legislature, is so essential to the rights of the people, that it cannot be the foundation of any action, complaint, or prosecution, in any other court or place whatsoever.

XXXI. The legislature ought frequently to assemble for the redress of grievances, for correcting, strengthening and confirming the laws, and for making new ones, as the common good may require.

XXXII. The people have a right in an orderly and peaceable manner, to assemble and consult upon the common good, give instructions to their representatives ; and to request of the legislative body, by way of petition or remonstrance, redress of the wrongs done them, and of the grievances they suffer.

XXXIII. No magistrate or court of law shall demand excessive bail or sureties, impose excessive fines, or inflict cruel or unusual punishments.

XXXIV. No person can in any case be subjected to law martial, or to any pains, or penalties, by virtue of that law, except those employed in the army or navy, and except the militia in actual service, but by authority of the legislature.

XXXV. It is essential to the preservation of the rights of every individual, his life, liberty, property and character, that there be an impartial interpretation of the laws, and administration of justice. It is the right of every citizen to be tried by judges as impartial as the lot of humanity will admit. It is therefore not only the best policy, but for the security of the rights of the people, that the judges of the supreme (or superior) judicial court should hold their offices so long as they behave well; and that they should have honorable salaries, ascertained and established by standing laws.

XXXVI. Economy being a most essential virtue in all States, especially in a young one; no pension shall be granted, but in consideration of actual services, and such pensions ought to be granted with great caution by the legislature, and never for more than one year at a time.

XXXVII. In the government of this State, the three essential powers thereof, to wit, the legislative, executive and judicial, ought to be kept as separate from, and independent of each other, as the nature of a free government will admit, or as is consistent with that chain of connexion that binds the whole fabric of the constitution in one indissoluble bond of union and amity.

XXXVIII. A frequent recurrence to the fundamental principles of the constitution, and a constant adherence to justice, moderation, temperance, industry, frugality, and all the social virtues, are indispensably necessary to preserve the blessings of liberty and good government; the people ought, therefore, to have a particular regard to all those principles in the choice of their officers and representatives: And they have a right to require of their law-givers and magistrates, an exact and constant observance of them in the formation and execution of the laws necessary for the good administration of government.

PART II.

THE FORM OF GOVERNMENT.

The people inhabiting the territory formerly called the Province of New Hampshire, do hereby solemnly and mutually agree with each other, to form themselves into a free, sovereign, and independent Body-politic, or State, by the name of the State of New Hampshire.

THE GENERAL-COURT.

The supreme legislative power within this State shall be vested in the senate and house of representatives, each of which shall have a negative on the other.

The senate and house shall assemble every year on the first Wednesday of June, and at such other times as they may judge necessary; and shall dissolve, and be dissolved, seven days next preceding the said first Wednesday of June; and shall be stiled The General Court of New Hampshire.

The general court shall forever have full power and authority to erect and constitute judicatories and courts of record, or other courts, to be holden in the name of the State, for the hearing, trying and determining all manner of crimes, offences, pleas, processes, plaints, actions, causes, matters and things whatsoever, arising, or happening within this State, or between or concerning persons inhabiting or residing, or brought within the same, whether the same be criminal or civil, or whether the crimes be capital, or not capital, and whether the said pleas be real, personal, or mixed; and for the awarding and issuing execution thereon. To which courts and judicatories are hereby given and granted full power and authority, from time to time to administer oaths or affirmations, for the better discovery of truth in any matter in controversy, or depending before them.

And farther, full power and authority are hereby given and granted to the said general-court, from time to time, to make, ordain and establish all manner of wholesome and reasonable orders, laws, statutes, ordinances, directions and instructions, either with penalties or without; so as the same be not repugnant, or contrary to this constitution, as they may judge for the benefit and welfare of this State, and for the governing and ordering thereof, and of the subjects of the same, for the necessary support and defence of the government thereof; and to name and settle annually, or provide by fixed laws,

for the naming and settling all civil officers within this State; such officers excepted, the election and appointment of whom, are hereafter in this form of government otherwise provided for; and to set forth the several duties, powers and limits of the several civil and military officers of this State, and the forms of such oaths or affirmations, as shall be respectively administered unto them for the execution of their several offices and places, so as the same be not repugnant or contrary to this constitution; and also to impose fines, mulcts, imprisonments and other punishments; and to impose and levy proportional and reasonable assessments, rates and taxes, upon all the inhabitants of, and residents within the said State, and upon all estates within the same; to be issued and disposed of by warrant under the hand of the president of this State for the time being, with the advice and consent of the council, for the public service, in the necessary defence and support of the government of this State, and the protection and preservation of the subjects thereof, according to such acts as are, or shall be in force within the same.

And while the public charges of government, or any part thereof, shall be assessed on polls and estates in the manner that has heretofore been practiced; in order that such assessments may be made with equality, there shall be a valuation of the estates within the State taken anew once in every five years at least, and as much oftener as the general-court shall order.

SENATE.

THERE shall be annually elected by the freeholders and other inhabitants of this State, qualified as in this constitution is provided, twelve persons to be senators for the year ensuing their election; to be chosen in and by the inhabitants of the districts, into which this State may from time to time be divided by the general-court, for that purpose; And the general-court in assigning the number to be elected by the respective districts, shall govern themselves by the proportion of public taxes paid by the said districts; and timely make known to the inhabitants of the State, the limits of each district, and the number of senators to be elected therein; provided the number of such districts shall never be more than ten, nor less than five.

And the several counties in this State, shall, until the general-court shall order otherwise, be districts for the election of senators, and shall elect the following number, viz; Rockingham, five. — Strafford, two. — Hillsborough, two. — Cheshire, two. — Grafton, one.

The senate shall be the first branch of the legislature: And the senators shall be chosen in the following manner, viz. — Every male

inhabitant of each town and parish with town privileges in the several counties in this State, of twenty-one years of age and upwards, paying for himself a poll tax, shall have a right at the annual or other meetings of the inhabitants of said towns and parishes, to be duly warned and holden annually forever in the month of March, to vote in the town or parish wherein he dwells, for the senators in the county or district whereof he is a member.

And every person qualified as the constitution provides, shall be considered an inhabitant for the purpose of electing and being elected into any office or place within this State, in that town, parish and plantation where he dwelleth and hath his home.

The selectmen of the several towns and parishes aforesaid, shall, during the choice of senators, preside at such meetings impartially, and shall receive the votes of all the inhabitants of such towns and parishes present and qualified to vote for senators, and shall sort and count the same in the meeting, and in presence of the town-clerk, who shall make a fair record in presence of the selectmen, and in open meeting, of the name of every person voted for, and the number of votes against his name ; and a fair copy of this record shall be attested by the selectmen and town-clerk, and shall be sealed up and directed to the secretary of the State, with a superscription expressing the purport thereof, and delivered by said clerk to the sheriff of the county in which such town or parish lies, thirty days at least, before the first Wednesday of June ; and the sheriff of each county, or his deputy, shall deliver all such certificates by him received, into the secretary's office, seventeen days at least, before the first Wednesday of June.

And the inhabitants of plantations and places unincorporated, qualified as this constitution provides, who are or shall be required to assess taxes upon themselves towards the support of government, or shall be taxed therefor, shall have the same privilege of voting for senators in the plantations and places wherein they reside, as the inhabitants of the respective towns and parishes aforesaid have. And the meetings of such plantations and places for that purpose, shall be holden annually in the month of March, at such places respectively therein, as the assessors thereof shall direct : Which assessors shall have like authority for notifying the electors, collecting and returning the votes, as the selectmen and town-clerks have in their several towns by this constitution.

And that there may be a due meeting of senators on the first Wednesday of June, annually, the president and three of the council for the time being, shall as soon as may, examine the returned copies of such records ; and fourteen days before the said first Wednesday

of June, he shall issue his summons to such persons as appear to be chosen senators by a majority of votes, to attend and take their seats on that day: *Provided nevertheless*, That for the first year the said returned copies shall be examined by the president and five of the council of the former constitution of government; and the said president shall in like manner notify the persons elected, to attend and take their seats accordingly.

The senate shall be final judges of the elections, returns, and qualifications of their own members, as pointed out in this constitution, and shall on the said first Wednesday of June annually, determine and declare, who are elected by each district to be senators by a majority of votes: and in case there shall not appear to be the full number returned elected by a majority of votes for any district, the deficiency shall be supplied in the following manner, viz. The members of the house of representatives and such senators as shall be declared elected, shall take the names of such persons as shall be found to have the highest number of votes in each district, and not elected, amounting to twice the number of senators wanting, if there be so many voted for; and out of these shall elect by joint ballot the number of senators wanted for such district: and in this manner all such vacancies shall be filled up in every district of the State, and in like manner all vacancies in the senate, arising by death, removal out of the State, or otherwise, shall be supplied as soon as may be after such vacancies happen.

Provided nevertheless, That no person shall be capable of being elected a senator, who is not of the protestant religion, and seized of a freehold estate in his own right, of the value of *two hundred pounds*, lying within this State, who is not of the age of thirty years, and who shall not have been an inhabitant of this State for seven years immediately preceding his election; and at the time thereof he shall be an inhabitant of the district for which he shall be chosen.

The senate shall have power to adjourn themselves, provided such adjournment do not exceed two days at a time.

The senate shall appoint their own officers, and determine their own rules of proceedings. And not less than seven members of the senate shall make a quorum for doing business; and when less than eight senators shall be present, the assent of five, at least, shall be necessary to render their acts and proceedings valid.

The senate shall be a court with full power and authority to hear and determine all impeachments made by the house of representatives, against any officer or officers of the State, for misconduct or mal-administration in their offices. But previous to the trial of any such impeachment, the members of the senate shall respectively be

sworn, truly and impartially to try and determine the charge in question according to evidence. Their judgment, however shall not extend farther than removal from office, disqualification to hold or enjoy any place of honor, trust or profit under this State; but the party so convicted, shall nevertheless be liable to indictment, trial, judgment, and punishment, according to the laws of the land.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

There shall be in the legislature of this State, a representation of the people annually elected and founded upon principles of equality: —and in order that such representation may be as equal as circumstances will admit, every town, parish, or place, entitled to town privileges, having one hundred and fifty rateable male polls, of twenty-one years of age, and upwards, may elect one representative; if four hundred and fifty rateable polls, may elect two representatives; and so proceeding in that proportion, making three hundred such rateable polls the mean increasing number for every additional representative.

Such towns, parishes or places as have less than one hundred and fifty rateable polls, shall be classed by the general-assembly, for the purpose of chusing a representative, and seasonably notified thereof. And in every class formed for the above-mentioned purpose, the first annual meeting shall be held in the town, parish, or place wherein most of the rateable polls reside; and afterwards in that which has the next highest number, and so on annually by rotation, through the several towns, parishes, or places, forming the district.

Whenever any town, parish, or place entitled to town privileges as aforesaid, shall not have one hundred and fifty rateable polls, and be so situated as to render the classing thereof with any other town, parish or place very inconvenient, the general-assembly may upon application of a majority of the voters in such town, parish, or place, issue a writ for their electing and sending a representative to the general-court.

The members of the house of representatives shall be chosen annually in the month of March, and shall be the second branch of the legislature.

All persons qualified to vote in the election of senators, shall be entitled to vote within the town, district, parish or place where they dwell, in the choice of representatives. Every member of the house of representatives shall be chosen by ballot; and for two years at least next preceding his election, shall have been an inhabitant of this State, shall have an estate within the town, parish or place which he may be chosen to represent, of the value of *one hundred*

pounds, one half of which to be a free-hold, whereof he is seized in his own right; shall be at the time of his election, an inhabitant of the town, parish, or place he may be chosen to represent; shall be of the protestant religion, and shall cease to represent such town, parish, or place immediately on his ceasing to be qualified as aforesaid.

The travel of each representative to the general-assembly, and returning home, once in every session, and no more, shall be at the expense of the State, and the wages for his attendance, at the expense of the town, parish, or places he represents; such members attending seasonably and not departing without licence. All intermediate vacancies in the house of representatives, may be filled up from time to time, in the same manner as annual elections are made.

The house of representatives shall be the grand inquest of the State, and all impeachments made by them, shall be heard and tried by the Senate.

All money bills shall originate in the house of representatives, but the senate may propose or concur with amendments as on other bills.

The house of representatives shall have power to adjourn themselves, but no longer than two days at a time.

A majority of the members of the house of representatives shall be a quorum for doing business: But when less than two thirds of the representatives elected shall be present, the assent of two thirds of those members shall be necessary to render their acts and proceedings valid.

No member of the house of representatives or senate, shall be arrested or held to bail on mean process, during his going to, returning from or attendance upon the court.

The house of representatives shall choose their own speaker, appoint their own officers, and settle the rules of proceedings in their own house. They shall have authority to punish by imprisonment, every person who shall be guilty of disrespect to the house in its presence, by any disorderly and contemptuous behavior, or by threatening, or ill treating any of its members; or by obstructing its deliberations; every person guilty of a breach of its privileges in making arrests for debt, or by assaulting any member during his attendance at any session; in assaulting or disturbing any one of its officers in the execution of any order or procedure of the house, in assaulting any witness, or other person, ordered to attend by and during his attendance of the house, or in rescuing any person arrested by order of the house, knowing them to be such. The senate, president and council, shall have the same powers in like cases; provided that no imprisonment by either, for any offence, exceed ten days.

The journals of the proceedings of both houses of the general-court shall be printed and published, immediately after every adjournment,

or prorogation; and upon motion made by any one member, the yeas and nays upon any question, shall be taken and entered in the journals.

EXECUTIVE POWER.

PRESIDENT.

THERE shall be a supreme executive magistrate, who shall be stiled, THE PRESIDENT OF THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE; and whose title shall be HIS EXCELLENCY.

The PRESIDENT shall be chosen annually; and no person shall be eligible to this office, unless at the time of his election, he shall have been an inhabitant of this State for seven years next preceding, and unless he shall be of the age of thirty years; and unless he shall at the same time, have an estate of the value of *five hundred pounds*, one half of which shall consist of a free-hold in his own right within the State; and unless he shall be of the protestant religion.

Those persons qualified to vote for senators and representatives shall within the several towns, parishes or places, where they dwell, at a meeting to be called for that purpose, some day in the month of March, annually, give in their votes for a president to the selectmen, who shall preside at such meeting, and the clerk in the presence and with the assistance of the selectmen, shall in open meeting sort and count the votes, and form a list of the persons voted for, with the number of votes for each person against his name, and shall make a fair record of the same in the town books, and a public declaration thereof in the said meeting; and shall in the presence of said inhabitants, seal up a copy of said list attested by him and the selectmen, and transmit the same to the sheriff of the county, thirty days at least before the first Wednesday of June, or shall cause returns of the same to be made to the office of the secretary of the State seventeen days at least, before said day, who shall lay the same before the senate and house of representatives on the first Wednesday of June, to be by them examined; and in case of an election by a majority of votes through the State, the choice shall be by them declared, and published: But if no person shall have a majority of votes, the house of representatives shall by ballot elect two out of four persons who had the highest number of votes, if so many shall have been voted for; but if otherwise, out of the number voted for; and make return to the senate of the two persons so elected, on which the senate shall proceed by ballot to elect one of them, who shall be declared president.

The president of the State shall preside in the senate, shall have a vote equal with any other member ; and shall also have a casting vote in case of a tie.

The president with advice of council, shall have full power and authority in the recess of the general-court, to prorogue the same from time to time, not exceeding ninety days in any one recess of said court ; and during the session of said court, to adjourn or prorogue it to any time the two houses may desire, and to call it together sooner than the time to which it may be adjourned, or prorogued, if the welfare of the State should require the same.

In cases of disagreement between the two houses, with regard to the time of adjournment, or prorogation, the president with advice of council, shall have a right to adjourn or prorogue the general-court, not exceeding ninety days, at any one time, as he may determine the public good may require. And he shall dissolve the same seven days before the said first Wednesday of June. And in case of any infectious distemper prevailing in the place where the said court at any time is to convene, or any other cause whereby dangers may arise to the healths or lives of the members, from their attendance, the president may direct the session to be holden at some other the most convenient place within the State.

The president of this State for the time being, shall be commander in chief of the army and navy, and all the military forces of the State by sea and land ; and shall have full power by himself, or by any chief commander, or other officer or officers, from time to time, to train, instruct, exercise and govern the militia and navy ; and for the special defence and safety of this State, to assemble in martial array, and put in warlike posture, the inhabitants thereof, and to lead and conduct them, and with them to encounter, expulse, repel, resist and pursue by force of arms, as well by sea as by land, within and without the limits of this State, and also to kill, slay, destroy, if necessary, and conquer by all fitting ways, enterprize and means, all and every such person and persons as shall, at any time hereafter, in a hostile manner attempt or enterprize the destruction, invasion, detriment, or annoyance of this State ; and to use and exercise over the army and navy, and over the militia in actual service, the law-martial in time of war, invasion, and also in rebellion, declared by the legislature to exist, as occasion shall necessarily require : And surprize by all ways and means whatsoever, all and every such person or persons, with their ships, arms, ammunition, and other goods, as shall in a hostile manner invade, or attempt the invading, conquering, or annoying this State : And in fine, the president hereby is intrusted with all other powers incident to the office of captain-general and commander in chief, and admiral, to be exercised agreeably to the rules and

regulations of the constitution, and the laws of the land: Provided that the president shall not at any time hereafter, by virtue of any power by this constitution granted, or hereafter to be granted to him by the legislature, transport any of the inhabitants of this State, or oblige them to march out of the limits of the same, without their free and voluntary consent, or the consent of the general-court, nor grant commissions for exercising the law-martial in any case, without the advice and consent of the council.

The power of pardoning offences, except such as persons may be convicted of before the senate by impeachment of the house, shall be in the president, by and with the advice of the council: but no charter of pardon granted by the president with advice of council, before conviction, shall avail the party pleading the same, notwithstanding any general or particular expressions contained therein, descriptive of the offence or offences intended to be pardoned.

All judicial officers, the attorney-general, solicitor-general, all sheriffs, coroners, registers of probate, and all officers of the navy and general and field-officers of the militia, shall be nominated and appointed by the president and council; and every such nomination shall be made at least seven days prior to such appointment, and no appointment shall take place, unless three of the council agree thereto. The captains and subalterns in the respective regiments shall be nominated and recommended by the field-officers to the president, who is to issue their commissions immediately on receipt of such recommendation.

No officer duly commissioned to command in the militia, shall be removed from his office, but by the address of both houses to the president, or by fair trial in court-martial, pursuant to the laws of the State for the time being.

The commanding officers of the regiments shall appoint their adjutants and quarter-masters; the brigadiers their brigade majors, the major-generals their aids; the captains and subalterns their non-com missioned officers.

The president and council shall appoint all officers of the continental army, whom by the confederation of the United States it is provided that this State shall appoint, as also all officers of forts and garrisons.

The division of the militia into brigades, regiments and companies, made in pursuance of the militia laws now in force, shall be considered as the proper division of the militia of this State, until the same shall be altered by some future law.

No monies shall be issued out of the treasury of this State, and disposed of (except such sums as may be appropriated for the re-

demption of bills of credit or treasurers' notes, or for the payment of interest arising thereon) but by warrant under the hand of the president for the time being, by and with the advice and consent of the council, for the necessary support and defence of this State, and for the necessary protection and preservation of the inhabitants thereof, agreeably to the acts and resolves of the general-court.

All public boards, the commissary-general, all superintending officers of public magazines and stores, belonging to this State, and all commanding officers of forts and garrisons within the same, shall once in every three months, officially, and without requisition, and at other times, when required by the president. deliver to him an account of all goods, stores, provisions, ammunition, cannon with their appendages, and small arms with their accoutrements, and of all other public property under their care respectively; distinguishing the quantity, and kind of each as particularly as may be; together with the condition of such forts and garrisons; and the commanding officer shall exhibit to the president, when required by him, true and exact plans of such forts, and of the land and sea, or harbour or harbours adjacent.

The president and council shall be compensated for their services from time to time by such grants as the general-court shall think reasonable.

Permanent and honorable salaries shall be established by law for the justices of the superior-court.

Whenever the chair of the president shall be vacant, by reason of his death, absence from the State, or otherwise, the senior senator for the time being, shall, during such vacancy, have and exercise all the powers and authorities which by this constitution the president is vested with when personally present.

COUNCIL.

Annually on the first meeting of the general-court, two members of the senate and three from the house of representatives, shall be chosen by joint ballot of both houses as a council, for advising the president in the executive part of government, whom the president for the time being, shall have full power and authority to convene from time to time, at his discretion, and the president with the counsellors, or three of them at least, shall and may from time to time hold and keep a council, for ordering and directing the affairs of the State according to the laws of the land.

The qualifications for counsellors, shall be the same as those required for senators. The members of the council shall not intermed-

dle with the making or trying impeachments, but shall themselves be impeachable by the house, and triable by the senate for mal-conduct.

The resolutions and advice of the council shall be recorded in a register, and signed by the members present, and this record may be called for at any time, by either house of the legislature, and any member of the council may enter his opinion contrary to the resolution of the majority.

And whereas the elections appointed to be made by this constitution on the first Wednesday of June annually, by the two houses of the legislature, may not be completed on that day, the said elections may be adjourned from day to day until the same shall be completed. And the order of the elections shall be as follows: The vacancies in the senate, if any, shall be first filled up; the president shall then be elected, provided there should be no choice of him by the people, and afterwards the two houses shall proceed to the election of the council.

SECRETARY, TREASURER, COMMISSARY-GENERAL, &C.

The secretary, treasurer, and commissary-general, shall be chosen by joint ballot of the senators and representatives assembled in one room.

The records of the State shall be kept in the office of the secretary, who may appoint his deputies, for whose conduct he shall be answerable, and he shall attend the president and council, the senate and representatives, in person or by deputy, as they may require.

COUNTY-TREASURER, &C.

THE county-treasurers, and registers of deeds shall be elected by the inhabitants of the several towns, in the several counties in the State according to the method now practised, and the present laws of the State; and before they enter upon the business of their offices, shall be respectively sworn faithfully to discharge the duties thereof, and shall severally give bond with sufficient sureties, in a reasonable sum for the use of the county, for the punctual performance of their respective trusts.

JUDICIARY POWER.

THE tenure that all commission officers shall have by law in their offices, shall be expressed in their respective commissions. All judicial officers, duly appointed, commissioned and sworn, shall hold their offices during good behavior, excepting those concerning whom there

is a different provision made in this constitution: *Provided nevertheless*, The president, with consent of council, may remove them upon the address of both houses of the legislature.

Each branch of the legislature, as well as the president and council, shall have authority to require the opinions of the justices of the superior court upon important questions of law, and upon solemn occasions.

In order that the people may not suffer from the long continuance in place of any justice of the peace, who shall fail in discharging the important duties of his office with ability and fidelity, all commissions of justices of the peace shall become void, at the expiration of five years from their respective dates; and upon the expiration of any commission, the same may, if necessary be renewed, or another person appointed, as shall most conduce to the well-being of the State. The judges of probate of wills, and for granting letters of administration, shall hold their courts at such place or places, on such fixed days, as the convenience of the people may require. And the legislature shall, from time to time, hereafter appoint such times and places, until which appointments, the said courts shall be holden at the times and places which the respective judges shall direct.

All causes of marriage, divorce and alimony, and all appeals from the respective judges of probate, shall be heard and tried by the superior-court, until the legislature shall by law make other provision.

CLERKS OF COURTS.

THE clerks of the superior-court of judicature, inferior courts of common pleas, and general sessions of the peace, shall be appointed by the respective courts during pleasure. And to prevent any fraud or unfairness in the entries and records of said courts, no such clerk shall be of counsel in any cause in the court of which he is clerk, nor shall he fill any writ in any civil action whatsoever.

DELEGATES TO CONGRESS.

THE delegates of this State to the congress of the United States, shall some time between the first Wednesday of June, and the first Wednesday of September annually, be elected by the senate and house of representatives in their separate branches, to serve in congress for one year, to commence on the first Monday in November then next ensuing. They shall have commissions under the hand of the president, and the great seal of the state; but may be recalled at any time within the year, and others chosen and commissioned, in the

same manner, in their stead; and they shall have the same qualifications, in all respects, as by this constitution are required for the president.

No person shall be capable of being a delegate to congress for more than three years in any term of six years; nor shall any person being a delegate, be capable of holding any office under the United States, for which he, or any other for his benefit, receives any salary, or emolument of any kind.

ENCOURAGEMENT OF LITERATURE, &C.

KNOWLEDGE and learning, generally diffused through a community, being essential to the preservation of a free government; and spreading the opportunities and advantages of education through the various parts of the country, being highly conducive to promote this end; it shall be the duty of the legislators and magistrates, in all future periods of this government to cherish the interest of literature and the sciences, and all seminaries and public schools, to encourage private and public institutions, rewards and immunities for the promotion of agriculture, arts, sciences, commerce, trades, manufactures and natural history of the country; to countenance and inculcate the principles of humanity and general benevolence, public and private charity, industry and economy, honesty and punctuality, sincerity, sobriety, and all social affections, and generous sentiments among the people.

OATH and subscriptions; exclusion from offices; commissions; writs; confirmation of laws; habeas corpus; the enacting stile; continuance of officers; provision for a future revision of the constitution, &c.

Any person chosen president, counsellor, senator, or representative, military or civil officer (town officers excepted) accepting the trust, shall, before he proceeds to execute the duties of his office, make and subscribe the following declaration, viz.

I, A. B., *do truly and sincerely acknowledge, profess, testify and declare, that the State of New-Hampshire is, and of right ought to be, a free, sovereign and independent State; and do swear that I will bear faith, and true allegiance to the same, and that I will endeavor to defend it against all treacherous conspiracies and hostile attempts whatever: And I do further testify and declare, that no man or body of men, hath or can have, a right to absolve me from the obligation of this oath, declaration or affirmation; and that I do make this acknowledgment, profession, testimony and declaration, honestly and truly, according to the common acceptation of the foregoing words, without any equivocation, mental evasion, or secret reservation whatever.*

So help me GOD.

I, A. B., *do solemnly and sincerely swear and affirm, that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent on me as according to the best of my abilities, agreeably to the rules and regulations of this constitution, and the laws of the State of New-Hampshire.* So help me GOD.

Provided always, When any person chosen or appointed as aforesaid, shall be of the denomination called quakers, or shall be scrupulous of swearing, and shall decline taking the said oaths, such shall take and subscribe them omitting, the word "*swear*," and likewise the words "*So help me God*" subjoining instead thereof, "*This I do under the pains and penalties of perjury.*"

And the oaths or affirmations shall be taken and subscribed by the president before the senior senator present, in the presence of the two houses of assembly; and by the senate and representatives first elected under this constitution, before the president and three of the council of the former constitution, and forever afterwards before the president and council for the time being and by the residue of the officers aforesaid, before such persons, and in such manner as from time to time shall be prescribed by the legislature.

All commissions shall be in the name of the State of New-Hampshire, signed by the president, and attested by the secretary, or his deputy, and shall have the great seal of the State affixed thereto.

All writs issuing out of the clerk's office in any of the courts of law, shall be in the name of the State of New-Hampshire; shall be under the seal of the court whence they issue, and bear test of the chief, first, or senior justice of the court; but when such justice shall be interested, then the writ shall bear test of some other justice of the court, to which the same shall be returnable; and be signed by the clerk of such court.

All indictments, presentments and informations shall conclude against the peace and dignity of the State.

The estates of such persons as may destroy their own lives, shall not for that offence be forfeited, but descend or ascend in the same manner, as if such persons had died in a natural way. Nor shall any article which shall accidentally occasion the death of any person be henceforth deemed a deodand, or in any wise forfeited on account of such misfortune.

All the laws which have heretofore been adopted, used and approved, in the province, colony, or State of New-Hampshire, and usually practised on in the courts of law, shall remain and be in full force until altered and repealed by the legislature; such parts thereof only excepted, as are repugnant to the rights and liberties contained in this constitution: *Provided* that nothing herein contained, when compared with the twenty-third article in the bill of rights, shall be

construed to affect the laws already made respecting the persons or estates of absentees.

The privilege and benefit of the habeas corpus, shall be enjoyed in this State, in the most free, easy, cheap, expeditious and ample manner, and shall not be suspended by the legislature, except upon the most urgent and pressing occasions, and for a time not exceeding three months.

The enacting stile in making and passing acts, statutes and laws, shall be — *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General-Court convened.*

No president, or judge of the superior court, shall hold any office or place under the authority of this State, except such as by this constitution they are admitted to hold, saving that the judges of the said court may hold the offices of justice of the peace throughout the State ; nor shall they hold any place or office, or receive any pension or salary, from any other State, government, or power whatever.

No person shall be capable of exercising at the same time, more than one of the following offices within this state, viz. Judge of probate, sheriff, register of deeds ; and never more than two offices of profit, which may be held by appointment of the president, or president and council, or senate and house of representatives, or superior or inferior courts ; military offices, and offices of justice of the peace excepted.

No person holding the office of judge of the superior court, secretary, treasurer of the State, judge of probate, attorney-general, commissary-general, judge of the maritime court, or judge of the court of admiralty, military officers receiving pay from the continent or this State, excepting officers of the militia occasionally called forth on an emergency ; judge of the inferior court of common-pleas, register of deeds, president, professor or instructor of any college, sheriff, or officer of the customs, including naval-officers, shall at the same time have a seat in the senate or house of representatives, or council ; but their being chosen or appointed to, and accepting the same, shall operate as a resignation of their seat in the senate, or house of representatives, or council ; and the place so vacated shall be filled up.

No person shall ever be admitted to hold a seat in the legislature, or any office of trust or importance under this government, who, in the due course of law, has been convicted of bribery or corruption, in obtaining an election or appointment.

In all cases where sums of money are mentioned in this constitution, the value thereof shall be computed in silver, at *six shillings and eight pence* per ounce.

To the end that there may be no failure of justice, or danger arise to this State from a change of the form of government, all civil and

military officers, holding commissions under the government and people of New-Hampshire, and other officers of the said government and people, at the time this constitution shall take effect, shall hold, exercise and enjoy all the powers and authorities to them granted and committed, until other persons shall be appointed in their stead. All courts of law in the business of their respective departments, and the executive, and legislative bodies and persons, shall continue in full force, enjoyment and exercise of all their trusts and employments, until the general-court, and the supreme and other executive officers under this constitution, are designated and invested with their respective trusts, powers and authority.

This form of government shall be enrolled on parchment, and deposited in the secretary's office, and be a part of the laws of the land, and printed copies thereof shall be prefixed to the books containing the laws of this State, in all future editions thereof.

To preserve an effectual adherence to the principles of the constitution, and to correct any violations thereof, as well as to make such alterations therein, as from experience may be found necessary, the general-court shall at the expiration of seven years from the time this constitution shall take effect, issue precepts, or direct them to be issued from the secretary's office, to the several towns and incorporated places, to elect delegates to meet in convention for the purposes aforesaid: The said delegates to be chosen in the same manner, and proportioned as the representatives to the general-assembly; provided that no alteration shall be made in this constitution before the same shall be laid before the towns and unincorporated places, and approved by two thirds of the qualified voters present, and voting upon the question.

IN CONVENTION

HELD AT CONCORD,

THE THIRTY-FIRST DAY OF OCTOBER,

1783.

THE returns from the several towns being examined, and it appearing that the foregoing BILL OF RIGHTS and FORM OF GOVERNMENT, were approved of by the PEOPLE; the same are hereby agreed on and established by the DELEGATES OF THE PEOPLE, and declared to be the CIVIL CONSTITUTION FOR THE STATE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE, to take place on the first Wednesday of June, 1784; and that in the meantime the general-court under the present government, make all the necessary arrangements for introducing this CONSTITUTION, at that time, and in the manner therein described.

NATHANIEL FOLSOM, *President, P. T.*

ATTEST,
J. M. SEWELL, *Secretary.*

NEW HAMPSHIRE EARLY STATE PAPERS.

STATE OFFICERS, 1784–5.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

MESHECH WEARE, Hampton Falls, *President.*

Council.

JOHN McCLEARY, Epsom,
FRANCIS BLOOD, Temple, } *Chosen from the Senate.*
JOSEPH BADGER, Gilmanton,
NATHANIEL PEABODY, Atkinson,
MOSES CHASE, Cornish, } *Chosen from the House of Representatives.*
EBENEZER THOMPSON, Durham, *Secretary of State.*
JOSEPH PEARSON, Exeter, *Deputy Secretary.*
JOHN TAYLOR GILMAN, Exeter, *State Treasurer.*
JOSEPH PEARSON, Exeter, *Paymaster of Pensions.*
ELEAZER RUSSELL, Portsmouth, *Naval Officer.*

JUDICIARY.

Superior Court of Judicature.

SAMUEL LIVERMORE, Holderness, *Chief Justice.*
JOSIAH BARTLETT, Kingston,
WILLIAM WHIPPLE, Portsmouth, } *Puisne Justices.*
LEVERETT HUBBARD,[1] Portsmouth,
JOHN SULLIVAN, Durham, *Attorney-General.*
NATHANIEL ADAMS, Portsmouth, *Clerk.*

1. John Dudley, of Raymond, succeeded Judge Hubbard by appointment, Dec. 20, 1784.

Court Maritime.

JOSHUA BRACKETT, Portsmouth, *Judge.*

COMMISSION TO REVISE THE LAWS OF THE STATE.

SAMUEL LIVERMORE, Holderness.
JOSIAH BARTLETT, Kingston.
JOHN SULLIVAN, Durham.

MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT.

His Excellency MESHECH WEARE, Hampton Falls.
Captain-General, Commander-in-Chief, and Admiral.
JOHN SULLIVAN, Durham, *Major-General.*
JONATHAN MOULTON, Hampton,
JOSEPH CILLEY, Nottingham,
JOHN HALE, Hollis,
BENJAMIN BELLOWS, Walpole,
Corps of Light Horsemen.
NATHANIEL PEABODY, Atkinson,
} *Brigadier-Generals.*
SUPPLY CLAPP, Portsmouth, *Commissary-General.*
[1] *Adjutant-General.*

STATE SENATE.

June 2, 1784, *to June* 1, 1785.

MESHECH WEARE, Hampton Falls, *President.*

For the County of Rockingham:
- WOODBURY LANGDON, Portsmouth. *President Pro Tem. or Senior Senator.*
- JOHN McCLEARY, Epsom,
- JOSEPH GILMAN, Exeter.
- TIMOTHY WALKER, Concord,
- JOHN LANGDON, Portsmouth.

1. The regimental field officers are named in the following pages. It is not certainly known as to the incumbent of the office of adjutant-general at this time. See Potter's Military History of New Hampshire, Adjutant-General's Report, 1866, Vol. II. p. 372. By the terms of the Constitution of 1784, the incumbents of existing offices were continued until successors should be provided, or other disposition of the duties pertaining to them should be made under the new government. Hence it is difficult to trace the succession in several important offices during the revolutionary period, and the first few months of the constitutional period.

County of Strafford. { JOHN WENTWORTH,[1] Dover.
EBENEZER SMITH, Meredith.

County of Hillsoro' { FRANCIS BLOOD, Temple.
MATTHEW THORNTON, Merrimack.

County of Cheshire { SIMEON OLCOTT,[2] Charlestown.
ENOCH HALE,[3] Rindge.

County of Grafton { MOSES DOW, Haverhill,

EBENEZER THOMPSON, Durham, *Acting Secretary.*

The senators chosen by votes of the people in the election of 1784, were for the County of *Rockingham,* John McCleary and Joseph Gilman ; for the County of *Strafford,* John Wentworth and Ebenezer Smith ; for the County of *Hillsborough,* Francis Blood ; for the County of *Cheshire,* Simeon Olcott ; for the County of *Grafton,* Moses Dow.

These senators-elect all appeared and took the oath of office on the first day of the session.

The next day in joint convention the senators wanting were elected, as follows : For the County of *Rockingham,* Woodbury Langdon, Timothy Walker, John Dudley ; for the County of *Hillsborough,* Matthew Thornton ; for the County of *Cheshire,* Benjamin Bellows.

Subsequently John Dudley and Benjamin Bellows declined to accept office, and John Langdon was chosen for *Rockingham* and Enoch Hale for *Cheshire.*

DELEGATES TO CONGRESS.

To serve for one year from the first Monday in November, 1784.
Constitution of 1784, *ante p.* 26.

Names.	Date of Appointment.	Residence.
ABIEL FOSTER,	June 11, 1784,	Canterbury.
JONATHAN BLANCHARD,	June 11, 1784,	Dunstable.

1. John Wentworth, who was senator at this time, was formerly known as John Wentworth Jr. He was a son of Judge John Wentworth, who died May 18, 1781. 5 N. H. Hist. Soc. Collections, 240.

2. Biography, Saunderson's History of Charlestown, 485.

3. Stearns's History of Rindge, chapters 50 and 56 and p. 183, and *passim.* Enoch Hale subsequently became a permanent resident of Walpole.

JOHN LANGDON,[1]	June 11, 1784,	Portsmouth.
MOSES DOW,[2]	June 11, 1784,	Haverhill.
PIERSE LONG,	Nov. 2, 1784,	Portsmouth.
SAMUEL LIVERMORE,	Nov. 3, 1784,	Holderness.
ELISHA PAYNE,	Nov. 3, 1784,	Lebanon.

DELEGATES FROM THIS STATE IN ACTUAL ATTENDANCE UPON THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS.

1784.

ABIEL FOSTER, Canterbury.
JONATHAN BLANCHARD, Dunstable.

1785.

ABIEL FOSTER, Canterbury.
PIERSE LONG, Portsmouth.

1. Declined.
2. Declined. See Letter, Hammond Town Papers, Vol. XII. p. 182.

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JOURNAL OF SENATE.

*1–1 *WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2d, 1784.

Being the day appointed by the new Constitution for the annual meeting of the General-Court, the Honorable *Meshech Weare*, Esq. late President of the Council, being unable to attend, the Honorable *Josiah Bartlett*, Esq. the senior member of the said Council, attended at Concord, (the place appointed) and a certificate signed by the Honorable *Meshech Weare*, Esq. the late said President, was read, by which it appeared that the following persons were duly chosen Senators for the year ensuing, by the votes of the people, viz. The Honorable

John McClary, Joseph Gilman, Esqr's. } For the County of Rockingham.
John Wentworth, Ebenezer Smith, Esqrs. } For the County of Strafford.
Francis Blood, Esq. For the County of Hillsborough.
Simeon Olcott, Esq. For the County of Cheshire.
Moses Dow, Esq. For the County of Grafton.

All which members-elect being present, were sworn agreeably to the Constitution, by the Honorable Josiah Bartlett, Esq. (three others of the late Council being present) and they respectively signed the oath & declaration, and then adjourned till to-morrow, 8 o'clock A. M.

THURSDAY, JUNE 3d, 1784.

Met according to adjournment.

It appearing from the returns of the votes for Senators, that there were of the number fixed by the Constitution, three for the County

*The journals of the Senate and House for the political year 1784-5, contained in this volume, except the Senate Journal for the February Session, are copies of the contemporary official publications made according to the directions of the constitution, and now in the State Library. The State has no copy of the original printed journal of the Senate for the session of February, 1785. The copy herein given is taken from the manuscript record in the office of the Secretary of State. The star pages in the margin correspond with the pagination of the manuscript journals in the custody of the State Secretary.—[EDITOR.

of Rockingham, one for the County of Hillsborough, and one for the County of Cheshire wanting, no person having a majority of votes therefor —

* 1–2 * Therefore, the Senate and House of Representatives assembled together in the said Representatives room, and made choice of the Honorable Woodbury Langdon, Timothy Walker and John Dudley, Esq'rs. for the County of Rockingham ; the Honorable Matthew Thornton, Esq. for the County of Hillsborough ; the Honorable Benjamin Bellows, Esq. for the County of Cheshire, to be senators for the year ensuing. And then proceeded to examine the votes returned for a President, and upon examining the same, it appeared that His Excellency Meshech Weare, Esq. was chosen by a great majority of votes, and was accordingly declared President of the State ; the meeting of the Senate & House of Representatives was then adjourned till tomorrow 8 o'clock, A. M.

A vote appointing a committee, to join a committee of the board, to consider of, and make such provision as they shall judge necessary for the entertainment of the Rev. gentlemen, the clergy, who may this day attend at this place, was brought up, read & concurred, and Mr. Olcott and Mr. Dow joined.

FRIDAY, JUNE 4th, 1784.

The Honorable Woodbury Langdon and Timothy Walker, Esq'rs. attended, and after taking the oaths and signing the same agreeably to the Constitution, they took their seats at the board.

A vote appointing a committee to join a committee of the Senate to wait on the Rev. Mr. Samuel McClintock, and present him with the thanks of the General-Court for his performance, and request of him a copy of the discourse delivered this day, in order to have it printed, was brought up, read and concurred, and Mr. Langdon and Mr. Dow Joined.

A vote for Mr. McClintock to receive out of the treasury fifteen pounds as a compensation for his excellent discourse, delivered before the Senate and House of Representatives, on the commencement of the new Constitution, and that the President give order accordingly, was brought up, read and concurred.

* 1–3 * A vote that the Honorable Josiah Bartlett, Esq. be requested to tarry in this place a few days, to assist in the qualifications of such Senators and Members of the House of Representatives as are not already qualified, was brought up, read and concurred.

The Senate then joined the House of Representatives, and by joint ballot made a choice of Ebenezer Thompson, Esq. as Secretary

to serve in that office until another shall be chosen in his room, who was sworn agreeably to the Constitution by the Hon. Josiah Bartlett, Esq.

The Honorable Woodbury Langdon, Christopher Toppan and Moses Leavitt, Esq'rs were then appointed to wait on his Excellency Meshech Weare, Esq. and deliver him the declaration of his election. The Senate then withdrew.

The Secretary having signified to the Senate that he had appointed Joseph Pearson, Esq. his deputy, the said Pearson was sworn agreeably to the Constitution by the Honorable Josiah Bartlett, Esq.

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to consider of, and report what method shall be taken in the absence of the President to forward public business, was brought up, read and concurred, and Mr. Wentworth, Mr. Walker and Mr. Smith joined.

Adjourned to eight o'clock, A. M.

SATURDAY, JUNE 5th, 1784.

Met according to adjournment.

The Senate and House met, and agreed to adjourn to Monday next, 3 o'clock, P. M. and then the Senate returned to their own room.

* A vote to accept the report of a committee for proceeding on public business, the absence of the President notwithstanding, was brought up, read and concurred. * 1–4

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to consider what business is necessary to be done this session, and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred, and Mr. Smith, Mr. Walker, Mr. Olcott, Mr. Gilman and Mr. Dow joined.

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider of the petition of Timothy Walker, Esq. and report thereon. — Also, of the petition of Sarah Little, was brought up, read and concurred, and Mr. Wentworth and Mr. Olcott joined.

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to consider of the petition of sundry inhabitants of New-London,[1] and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred, and Mr. Blood and Mr. Dow was joined.

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to receive of the Rev. Mr. McClintock a copy of his election sermon, and procure six hundred copies to be printed and lodged in the Secretary's office, to be distributed, was brought up, read and concurred, and Mr. Langdon joined.

[1] Ham. xiii. 5.

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to consider of the petition of Benjamin Baxter, and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred, and Mr. Olcott joined.

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to consider of the petition of Col. Thomas Tash, and all similar matters, and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred, and Mr. Gilman and Mr. Walker joined.

A vote directing the Board of War to lay their accompts before the General-Court, for settlement, at the next session, was brought up, read and concurred.

* 1–5 * A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to draft all such bills as may be ordered to be brought in this session, was brought up, read and concurred, and Mr. Wentworth, Mr. Olcott and Mr. Dow joined.

A vote to hear the petition of Sarah Little, on the second Wednesday of next session, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote to grant the prayer of the petition of Timothy Walker, Esq. and giving him leave to bring in a bill accordingly, was brought up, read and concurred.

Adjourned, 'till Monday next, 3 o'clock, P. M.

MONDAY JUNE 7th 1784.

Met according to adjournment.

The Senate joined the House of Representatives, and agreed to adjourn the meeting of the Senate and House 'till tomorrow, 3 o'clock. The Senate then returned to their own room.

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to consider of the petition of Aaron Brown, and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred, and Mr. Walker joined.

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to consider of the petition of Sherburne Dearborn, and others, and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred, and Mr. Smith joined.

A vote to hear the petition of Hezekiah Wilkins on the second Thursday of the next session, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to report what method they judge proper to be taken with respect to the Continental bills in the Treasury, and in the hands of individuals, was brought up, read and concurred, Mr. Gilman, Mr. Blood, Mr. Dow and Mr. Walker joined.

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to consider of the petition of R. Freeman, in behalf of the town of Hanover, and all similar matters, and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred, and Mr. Smith and Mr. Dow joined.

* A vote to hear the petition of the inhabitants of New London before the General-Court, on the second Thursday of the next session, and that they in the mean time cause the substance of the petition and order of Court thereon, to be printed in the New Hampshire Gazette, was brought up, read and concurred. * 1–6

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to consider of the petition of James Robinson, and all similar matters, was brought up, read and concurred, and Mr. Gilman and Mr. Olcott joined.

Adjourned till tomorrow 8 o'clock A. M.

TUESDAY JUNE 8th 1784.

Met according to adjournment.

The Honorable Matthew Thornton, Esq. one of the Senate elect, attended, and after taking the necessary oaths, took his seat at the board.

A vote to hear the petition of Jeremiah Tibbetts, on the first Friday of their next session, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to consider of the accompt of Major Jonathan Child, and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred, Mr. Gilman and Mr. Walker was joined.

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to consider of the petition of Bartholomew Goyer, and report thereon was brought up, read and concurred, Mr. Blood and Mr. Thornton was joined.

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to consider of the petition of John Holbrook, and the petition of Joshua Lamkin, and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred. Mr. Dow and Mr. Walker was joined.

The President elect being absent, after several arguments, it was agreed that the Secretary should take the minds of the Senate, relative to the method of determining the person who should be esteemed and act as senior Senator; and it being agreed to determine the question by ballot, the ballots were taken, and the Honorable Woodbury Langdon, Esq. was appointed by a majority of votes, who took the chair accordingly.

* The Senate then joined the House according to adjournment, and proceeded to the choice of a Treasurer: and the ballots being taken, it appeared that the Hon. John Taylor Gilman, Esq. was unanimously chosen, to serve in that office until another should be chosen in his stead. * 1–7

The Senate and House then proceeded to the choice of a Commissary General, and the ballots being taken, it appeared that Col. Supply Clapp was chosen to that office, to continue until another should be chosen in his room. The meeting of the Senate and House adjourned till tomorrow, 9 o'clock, A. M. then to meet in the Assembly Room. The Senate then retired to their own room.

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to consider the petition of Charles Bowen, and all similar matters, and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred. Mr. Blood and Mr. Thornton was joined.

A resolve to enable the towns of Gilsum and Surry to hold a meeting to choose a Representative, they having lost their meeting by misfortune or neglect, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to consider of the petition of Capt. John Moore, and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred. Mr. Gilman and Mr. Walker was joined.

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to consider of the petition of Major Jonathan Wentworth, and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred. Mr. Walker and Mr. Smith was joined.

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to consider of the petition of the selectmen of Winchester, and all similar matters, and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred. Mr. Olcott and Mr. McClary was joined.

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to consider of the petition of Elizabeth Balla[r]d, and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred. Mr. Wentworth and Mr. Blood was joined.

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to consider of the petition of Joshua I. Prince, and all similar matters, and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred, and Mr. Wentworth and Mr. Thornton was joined.

* 1–8 * A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to consider of the petition of Robert Gerrish, and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred. Mr. Gilman and Mr. Dow joined.

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to consider the petition of Elizabeth Combs, and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred. Mr. Blood and Mr. McClary joined.

Adjourned 'till to-morrow 8 o'clock A. M.

WEDNESDAY JUNE 9th 1784.

Met according to adjournment.

A vote to grant the prayer of the petition of Richard York, Jr. in behalf of Robert Macklin, and giving him leave to bring in a bill accordingly, was brought up, read and concurred.

The Hon. John Dudley, Esq. attended the Senate, and declined accepting a seat according to his appointment.

The Senate then met with the house of Representatives, in the said Representatives room, and proceeded by joint ballot to the choice of a Senator, in the stead of the Hon. John Dudley, Esq. who had declined to accept said office; and the ballots being taken, it appeared that the Hon. John Langdon, Esq. was chosen by a majority of votes.

The Senate and House of Representatives then proceeded by joint ballot, to elect five persons as a Council for his Excellency the President, agreeably to the Constitution. —

The ballots being taken for the first Counsellor, it appeared that the Hon. John McClary, Esq. was chosen by a majority of votes. —

The ballots being taken for the second Counsellor, it appeared that the Hon. Francis Blood, Esq. was chosen by a majority of votes. ——

The ballots being taken for the third Counsellor, it appeared that Joseph Badger, Esq. was elected by a majority of votes.

* The meeting of the Senate and House adjourned 'till 3 * 1–9 o'clock, P. M.

The Senate then retired to their own room.

A vote to hear the petition of Jonathan Child, Esq. in behalf of Jonathan Mason, on the first Friday of their next session, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote to hear the petition of James Richardson, before the General Court, on the first Friday of their next session, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote to grant the prayer of the petition of Tristram Dalton and Nathaniel Tracy, for dividing Apthorp into two towns, and giving them leave to bring in a bill accordingly, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to consider of the accompt of Joshua Lamkin and John Holbrook, and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred. and Mr. Wentworth joined.

A vote for granting the prayer of the petition of Lieut. John Moore, and allowing him depreciation on his wages from the 1st of

January, 1777, to the 13th of September, 1778, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to consider the petition of Lieut. Daniel McMurphy, and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred. Mr. McClary and Mr. Gilman joined.

A vote to hear the petition of Elisha Allis, before the General Court, on the second Wednesday of next session, was brought up, read and concurred.

At 3 o'clock, P. M., agreeable to adjournment, the Senate and House of Representatives met to ballot for the two remaining Counsellors, and the ballots being taken, it appeared that Nathaniel Peabody, Esq. was elected the fourth Counsellor by a majority of votes. —— The ballots being taken, it appeared that Moses Chase, Esq. was chosen the fifth Counsellor by a majority of votes.

Adjourned 'till tomorrow, 9 o'clock.

The Senate then returned to their own room.

* 1-10 * A vote that the Hon. Woodbury Langdon, Esq. President *pro. tem.* of the State, be, and he hereby is, authorized and requested to administer the oaths necessary to qualify the persons appointed a Council for the President of said State, to act in said office, was sent down for concurrence by Mr. Olcott.

A vote to hear the petition of Richard Cutts Shannon before the General Court, on the second Wednesday of the next session, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to consider of the abstract of Brigadier-General James Reid, and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred. Mr. McClary and Mr. Dow joined.

A vote to hear the petition of Joshua Lamkin, and John Holbrook, before the General-Court, on the first Friday of the next session, was brought up, read and concurred.

Adjourned 'till tomorrow, 8 o'clock, A. M.

THURSDAY, JUNE 10th, 1784.

Met according to adjournment.

A vote directing the Treasurer to issue a State Note to Reuben Kidder, for seventeen pounds, nineteen shillings, in lieu of one formerly made out for said Kidder, and which was consumed by fire, was brought up, read and concurred.

An act to enable Timothy Walker, Esq. as guardian of Paul Rolfe, to sell and convey certain lands belonging to his said Ward for his

support and education, having been read three times, —— voted, that the same be enacted.

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to consider of a petition, signed Josiah Brown, Chairman of a Convention, and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred. Mr. Thornton and Mr. Blood joined.

* A vote to grant the prayer of the petition of Oliver Ashley, and giving him leave to bring in a bill, to enable him to keep a ferry over Connecticut River, was brought up, read and concurred. * 1–11

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to consider what each member of the General Court shall receive per day for attendance; and also what shall be paid for travel, was brought up, read and concurred. Mr. Smith, Mr. McClary and Mr. Walker joined.

A vote for Lieut. Daniel McMurphy to receive out of the Treasury, Twenty pounds, and the remainder by a note in common form of what is due to him, as an half pay wounded officer, was brought up, read and concurred, and warrant granted.

A vote giving leave to the town of Boscawen to send a member to the General Assembly was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to consider of the petition and accompt of Samuel Emerson, and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred. Mr. Smith and Mr. Gilman joined.

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to consider of the petition of Amos Whittemore, and other inhabitants of Lyndeborough, and the papers accompanying the same, and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred. Mr. Olcott, Mr. Smith and Mr. Thornton was joined.

A vote to abate one eighth of the tax or proportion of the town of Claremont, as established by the last valuation, until a new proportion shall be made in the State, was brought up, read and concurred.

Adjourned till to-morrow, 8 o'clock, A. M.

FRIDAY, JUNE 11th, 1784.

Met according to adjournment.

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to consider what allowance shall be made to such of the late Hon. Council, who attended to qualify the Members of this Court, according to the Constitution, was brought up, read and concurred, and Mr. McClary joined.

* 1-12 * An act for paying the interest and sinking part of the principal of this State's debt, having been read three times, voted that the same be enacted.

An act for raising the sum of twenty-five thousand pounds, for the use of this State the present year, having been read three times, voted that the same be enacted.

A vote appointing the Hon. Abiel Foster, Jonathan Blanchard, John Langdon and Moses Dow, Esq'rs. Delegates to represent this State in Congress for one year, from the first Monday in November next, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to nominate suitable persons for a Committee to revise the laws of this State, and prepare such bills as they may judge necessary for that purpose; and also any bills directed by the General Court, was brought up, read and concurred. Mr. Thornton and Mr. Wentworth joined.

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to consider of the petition of Abigail Clayes, and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred. Mr. Dow and Mr. Blood joined.

A vote on the petition of Major Jonathan Wentworth, giving him leave to discharge a bond he formerly gave for excise, in State securities, was brought up, read and non-concurred.

An act to vacate a deed given by Robert Macklin to Richard Foss, of certain land in Brentwood, having been read three times, voted that the same be enacted.

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to consider of the petition of Benjamin Butler, Esq. and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred. Mr. Blood and Mr. Olcott joined.

* 1-13 * A vote for hearing the petition of Benjamin Sumner before the General-Court this day, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to consider what business is yet necessary to be done this session, and when and to where the Court shall adjourn, was brought up, read and concurred. Mr. Smith, Mr. Walker, Mr. Gilman and Mr. Wentworth joined.

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to nominate proper persons to whom Dedimus's shall issue, to enable them to qualify such officers as may be appointed in this State, was brought up, read and concurred. Mr. Gilman, Mr. Wentworth, Mr. Thornton, Mr. Olcott and Mr. Dow joined.

A vote granting to Benjamin Sumner the exclusive right of keep-

ing a ferry over a certain part of Connecticut river, and giving him leave to bring in a bill accordingly was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote to pay the accompt of Thomas Bartlett, Esq. for his service as a Special Justice of the Superior Court, amounting to five pounds, nine shillings, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to consider of the petition of Ephraim Hildreth, and all similar matters, and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred. Mr. Gilman and Mr. Dow joined.

A resolve directing the Treasurer of this State, in what manner and form he shall issue certificates for paying the interest on State securities, was brought up, read and concurred.

Adjourned till to-morrow, 8 o'clock A. M.

* SATURDAY, JUNE 12th, 1784. * 1–14

Met according to adjournment.

An act to establish an equitable method of making rates and taxes, and determining who shall be legal voters in town and parish affairs, and also for repealing certain acts herein-after-mentioned, having been read three times, it was voted that the same be enacted.

A vote for the petition of James Robinson, (praying to have an exclusive right to keep a ferry over Merrimack river, from Bow to Pembroke) to be heard before the General-Court on the first Friday of next sessions, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to consider of the petition of William Gallup, and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred. Mr. Smith and Mr. Walker joined.

A vote ascertaining the manner of paying the Members of the General-Court, and their several officers, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to consider of, and report, what method shall be taken, respecting the old Continental money in the hands of individuals, was brought up, read and concurred and Mr. Walker joined.

A vote of the House for paying the Hon. Josiah Bartlett, Esq. six pounds, and the Hon. Woodbury Langdon, Esq. thirty shillings, for their services in attending the General Court, (as members of the late Council) to administer the necessary oaths to the members of this Court, was brought up, read and concurred with this amendment, that there be paid to the Hon. Woodbury Langdon, Esq. three pounds instead of thirty shillings above voted, was sent down for concurrence by Mr. Walker, and brought up concurred.

A vote to hear the petition of sundry inhabitants of Lyndeborough (praying to have a new parish erected) on the second Wednesday of the next session, was brought up, read and concurred.

* 1-15 * A vote appointing Joseph Gilman, Esq. Capt. Josiah Gilman and Joseph Pearson, Esq. a committee for settling the accompts of the State with the United States, with Stephen Gorham, Esq. Commissioner of the United States, and directing them to make a tender to said Gorham, of the Continental bills in the Treasury of this State, towards our debt to the United States, at the rate of forty for one, agreeably to the resolves of Congress, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote to abate the tax on a place called Hoit's Gore, it appearing that said Gore was included in the town of Grafton, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote to grant the prayer of the petition of Elizabeth Ballard, and giving her leave to bring in a bill, enabling her to sell certain lands of her minor children, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote to pay the accompt of Samuel Emerson, for his service in the army, as assistant to the New Hampshire Commissary, amounting to three hundred fifty eight pounds, seventeen shillings, and seven pence; and directing the Treasurer to issue a note on interest for said sum, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote appointing the Hon. Senior Senator and the Hon. Speaker of the House, Commissioners to administer the necessary oaths to the persons appointed a Council to his Excellency the President, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote, that when the business of this session is over, the General-Court will adjourn to meet at Portsmouth, on Wednesday, the 20th day of October next, at three o'clock P. M., was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to consider what allowance shall be made to the Committee who waited on his Excellency, the President, to inform him of his election, and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred, and Mr. Wentworth joined.

A vote to grant the prayer of the petition of Leonard Whiting, and giving him leave to bring in a bill to restore him to his law in an action which he prosecuted against Benjamin Whiting, an absentee, was brought up, read and concurred.

* 1-16 * A vote to pay Derrick Oxford, a soldier, who served three years in Col. Cilley's regiment, his pay as other soldiers have been paid, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote to grant the prayer of the petition of Benjamin Butler, Esq. and giving him leave to pay a certain part of a debt he owes the

State for excise, in State securities, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote to pay Deacon James Knowles, thirty-eight shillings for his service as a special justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas for the County of Strafford, was brought up, read and non-concurred.

A vote appointing the Hon. Samuel Livermore, Josiah Bartlett and John Sullivan, Esqr's. a committee to revise the laws of this State, and to draw such bills as they may judge necessary, and report the same next session, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote to pay the accompt of John Calfe, Esq. amounting to four pounds, five shillings and six pence, for recording the Journals of the House of Representatives, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote to accept the report of the committee on the petition of James Robertson, giving him leave to pay a sum of paper money into the treasury for taxes, and directing the treasurer to rectify a mistake with said Robertson, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote to allow certain constables sums of money paid to Jonathan Child, Esq. as Purchasing Commissary, in the County of Grafton, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote to abate part of the taxes for several years past to the town of Piermont, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote to hear the petition of Jonathan Child, Esq. (who prays to be restored to his law in an action prosecuted against him by Jonathan Moulton, Esq.) on the first Friday of next session, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote appointing the Hon. George Atkinson, John Pickering and George Gains, Esq'rs. a committee to prepare a device and inscription for a Seal for this State, and lay the same before the Court next session, and that in the mean time, the Seal used under the late Constitution be made use of, was brought up, read and concurred.

* Benjamin Bellows, Esq. one of the Senators elect, at * 1–17 tended and declined to accept of the office.

The Senate and House then met in the Representatives room to ballot for a Senator, in the room of Benjamin Bellows, Esq. and the ballots being taken it appeared that the Hon. Enoch Hale, Esq. was chosen by a majority of votes.

The Senate then returned to their own room.

A vote appointing the Members of the Council and several other persons in the State, to be commissioned to administer the necessary oaths to all persons who may be appointed to offices in the State, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote to remit to Aaron Brown the interest promised on a bond given by him to the Treasurer of the State, for excise in the County of Hillsborough, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote on the petition of the Selectmen of Dearing, appointing John Duncan, Esq. Capt. Joseph Symonds and Mr. Robert Wallace, a committee to determine the proper place for a meeting house, to be erected on in said Dearing, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote to pay the accompt of Caleb Buswell, amounting to forty shillings, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote that Mr. Wight have and receive out of the treasury thirty shillings for his services as chaplain to the General Court this session, was brought up, read and concurred.

* 1–18 A vote that the Hon. Woodbury Langdon, Esq. * Christopher Toppan, Esq. and Moses Leavitt, Esq. have each forty shillings out of the treasury, for their time and expences in notifying his Excellency the President of his election, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote to put off the hearing of the petition of William Dana until the second Tuesday of next session, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote to adjourn 'till Tuesday next, ten o'clock, A. M., then to meet at the Court House in Exeter, was brought up, read and concurred.

TUESDAY, JUNE 15th, 1784.

Met according to adjournment.

The Senate and House of Representatives assembled in the Representatives' room, and the oaths necessary, agreeably to the Constitution, were administered to His Excellency the President, by the Hon. Woodbury Langdon, Esq. Senior Senator, in presence of the two Houses of Assembly.

The Senate then returned to their own room.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

IN SENATE, June 15, 1784.

Resolved, that the soldiers who enlisted in this State to serve in the Continental army, and who actually performed the service according to their several engagements for two years, or for any term of time less than two years, agreeably to any Act, Resolve or

* 1–19 vote * of the Legislature of this State, and who have not been rewarded and paid according to any such Act, Resolve or Vote, shall be fully recompensed and paid as much as promised, as soon as their respective claims can be ascertained, and their accompts settled.

And the committee on soldiers accompts are hereby directed to certify to the President the ballance due as aforesaid to any such soldier, after deducting the town bounties and supplies, in the same manner as the accompts of those who served three years or during the war were settled.

And the President on receipt of such certificate, is requested to give order for the Treasurer to issue notes for the principal and certificates for the interest, in the same manner as notes and certificates were issued for those soldiers who served three years or during the war.

And be it further resolved, that such towns as have not sent in their accompts for bounties and supplies for such soldiers as engaged for a less term of time than three years ; have liberty to send in the same to the Committee appointed to settle depreciation 'till the 15th day of September next, and that no accompts for bounties and supplies be by them allowed, but such as are properly vouched or attested to by the Selectmen.

Sent down for Concurrence,
M. WEARE, *President.*

In the House of Representatives,
the same day, Read and Concurred,
GEORGE ATKINSON, *Speaker.*

*The foregoing is a true Journal of the Votes and Proceed- *1–20
ings of the Senate at the first session of the General Court for the year 1784.

Attest: E. THOMPSON, *Sect'y.*

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HON. GEORGE ATKINSON, Portsmouth, *Speaker.*

JOHN CALFE, Hampstead, *Clerk.*

MOSES SHAW, Kensington, *Assistant Clerk.*

REV. . . . . WIGHT,
REV. . . . . SHUTTLEWORTH,
REV. JOSEPH BUCKMINSTER, Portsmouth,
REV. SAMUEL HAVEN, Portsmouth,
} *Chaplains.*

REV. SAMUEL MCCLINTOCK, Greenland,
Preacher of the Election Sermon

REPRESENTATIVES.

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The following Gentlemen were returned as REPRESENTATIVES from the several Towns and Places set against each of their Names, agreeably to the New Constitution.

Towns and Places represented.	Names of Representatives.
Portsmouth	George Atkinson, Esq. George Gains, Esq. John Pickering, Esq.

Towns and Places represented.	Names of Representatives.
Exeter	Mr. Jedediah Jewett.
Londonderry	Col. Daniel Runnels. Mr. Archibald McMurphy.
Chester	Capt. John Underhill.
Newington	Ephraim Pickering, Esq.
Greenland	. . . . .
Newcastle Rye	Samuel Jenness, Esq.
North Hampton	Moses Leavitt, Esq.
Hampton	Christopher Toppan, Esq.
Hampton Falls Seabrook	Capt. Jonathan Leavitt.
Stratham	Mark Wiggin, Esq.
Kensington	Mr. Moses Shaw.
South Hampton East Kingstown	Joseph Merrill, Esq.
Kingstown	Capt. John Eastman.
Brintwood	Capt. Levi Morrill.
Epping	Capt. Seth Fogg.
Newmarket	Col. James Hill.
Nottingham	Col. Thomas Bartlett.
Deerfield	Jeremiah Eastman, Esq.
Northwood Epsom Allentown	. . . . .
Chichester Pittsfield	Major John Cram.
Canterbury Northfield	Capt. Jeremiah Clough.
Loudon	Major Nathan Batcheldor.
Concord	Timothy Walker, Esq.
Pembrook	Samuel Daniels, Esq.
Candia	Col. Nathaniel Emerson.
Raymond Poplin	Mr. John Scribner.
Hawke Sandown	Reuben Clough, Esq.
Hampstead	. . . . .
Atkinson Plaistow	Nathaniel Peabody, Esq.
Newtown	. . . . .
Salem	Capt. John Allen.
Windham	James Betton, Esq.

Towns and Places represented.	Names of Representatives.
Pelham	Mr. Jacob Butler.
Dover	Capt. James Calfe.
Durham	Mr. Ebenezer Smith.
Somersworth	Major Jonathan Wentworth.
Rochester	James Knowles, Esq.
Barrington	Capt. Joshua Foss.
Sanborntown	Mr. John Sanborn.
Gilmantown	Gen. Joseph Badger.
Lee	Dr. James Brackett.
Madbury	. . . . .
Meredith New Hampton	. . . . .
Sandwich Tamworth	Daniel Beede, Esq.
Moultonborough Tuftonborough Wolfeborough Ossipee-Gore	Col. Bradbury Richardson.
Barnstead New Durham New Durham-Gore	Col. Thomas Tash.
Wakefield Middleton Effingham	Capt. David Copp.
Conway Eaton Burton and Location	Col. David Page.
Nottingham-West	Capt. Samuel Marsh.
Litchfield Derryfield	. . . . .
Dunstable	Capt. Benjamin French.
Merrimac Bedford	Mr. James Martin.
Goffstown	Robert McGregore, Esq.
Hollis	Capt. Daniel Emerson.
Amherst	Mr. Robert Means.
Raby Mason	Benjamin Mann, Esq.
New Ipswich	Mr. Ephraim Adams.
Duxbury Mile Slip	. . . . .
Wilton	Capt. Philip Putnam.

Towns and Places represented.	Names of Representatives.
Lyndeborough	Capt. Levi Spaulding.
Temple Peterborough Slip	Mr. Francis Cragin.
Peterborough Society Land	Mr. Matthew Wallace.
Hancock Antrim Dearing	John Duncan, Esq.
Henniker Hillsborough	Lieut. Robert Wallace.
New Bradford	. . . . .
New Boston	. . . . .
Francestown	. . . . .
Weare	Mr. Jonathan Dow.
Hopkintown	Mr. Aaron Greeley.
Dunbarton Bow	Mr. David Storey.
Salisbury	Capt. Matthew Pettingill.
Boscawen	. . . . .
Fishersfield Perrystown Warner	Capt. Francis Davis.
New London Andover and Gore	. . . . .
Charlestown	Elijah Grout, Esq.
Alstead	Major Amos Shephard.
Keene	Mr. Benjamin Hall.
Swanzey	Major Elisha Whitcomb.
Richmond	Major Oliver Capron.
Jaffrey	Mr. William Smiley.
Winchester	Mr. Simon Willard.
Westmoreland	Mr. Joseph Wilbore.
Chesterfield	Col. Samuel King.
Rindge	. . . . .
Walpole	. . . . .
Claremont	Capt. Benjamin Sumner.
Cornish Grantham	Moses Chase, Esq.
Newport Croydon	Mr. Stephen Powers.
Wendell Unity	. . . . .

Towns and Places represented.	Names of Representatives.
Acworth, Lempster, Marlow	Lieut. David Grout.
Surry, Gilsom	Lemuel Holmes.
Stoddard, Washington	Capt. Jacob Copeland.
Dublin, Packerfield	Mr. Reuben Morss.
Marlborough, Fitzwilliam	Mr. Samuel Kendall.
Protectworth, Hinsdale	. . . . .
Holderness, Campton, Thornton, Morristown	Moses Baker, Esq.
Plymouth, Rumney, Wentworth	Col. Joseph Senter.
New Chester, Alexandria, Cockermouth	Carr Huse, Esq.
Enfield, Canaan, Cardigan, Dorchester, Grafton	William Ayers, Esq.
Hanover	Mr. Russell Freeman.
Lebanon	Elisha Payne, Esq.
Lyme, Orford	Major Jonathan Child.
Haverhill, Piermont, Warren, Coventry	Col. Timothy Bedel.
Bath, Lyman, Gunthwait, Apthorp, Lancaster, Northumberland, Stratford, Dartmouth, Colburn, Cockburn	Capt. John Young.

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OF THE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE HONORABLE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, AT THEIR FIRST SESSION UNDER THE NEW CONSTITUTION; BEGAN AND HELD AT CONCORD, ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY IN JUNE, BEING THE SECOND DAY OF SAID MONTH, IN THE EIGHTH YEAR OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ANNO DOMINI, ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY FOUR.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2, 1784.

THE Members elected assembled at time and place, agreeably to the precepts issued for that purpose. The Hon. Josiah Bartlett, Esq; President, P. T. with three of the Honorable Council, came in and administered the proper oaths agreeably to the Constitution; they then withdrew, and motion was made for the appointment of a chairman, and the Hon. Joseph Badger, Esq; was chosen for that purpose.

The ballots were then called for and taken for the choice of a Speaker, and upon counting it appeared that the Hon. George Atkinson, Esq; is chosen Speaker of this House.

The ballots were then taken for the choice of a Clerk, and upon counting it appeared that John Calfe, Esq ; is chosen Clerk of this House.

Voted, That Mr. John Pickering, Col. Tash, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Wilbore, and Col. Child, be a Committee to make inquiry relative to the choice of Senators for this State, and report thereon to this House.

On motion made for the choice of an Assistant-Clerk,

Voted, That Mr. Moses Shaw, be Assistant-Clerk of this House.

Adjourned to eight o'clock tomorrow morning.

* THURSDAY, JUNE 3, 1784. * 12 : 575

The House met according to adjournment.

Voted, That Col. Peabody, Col. Walker, Mr. Adams, Mr. Pickering and Mr. Means, with such of the honorable Senate as they shall appoint, be a committee to consider of and make such provision as they shall judge necessary for the entertainment of the reverend gentlemen of the clergy who may this day attend at this place.

Sent up by Col. Tash.

Read the returns on several precepts for the choice of Representatives.

The honorable Senators elected by the people at large, and the House being met, agreeably to the Constitution, to fill up the vacancies in the Senate, by joint ballot made choice of the Hon. Woodbury Langdon and Timothy Walker, Esq'rs. Senators for the County of Rockingham ; after which, adjourned to four o'clock, P. M.

The House met according to adjournment.

Voted, That Col. Toppan, Mr. Pickering, and Col. Payne, with such of the Senate as they shall appoint, be a committee to wait upon the Rev. Mr. McClintock, and present him with the thanks of the General-Court for his performance, and request of him a copy of the discourse delivered this day, in order to have it printed.

Sent up by Mr. McMurphy.

The Senate and House being again met according to adjournment, to fill up the vacancies in the Senate, &c. by joint ballot made choice of the Hon. John Dudley, Esq ; Senator for the county of Rockingham ; the Hon. Matthew Thornton, Esq ; for the County of Hillsborough ; and the Hon. Benjamin Bellows, Esq ; for the county of Cheshire. * They then proceeded to count the * 12 : 576 votes for a President, and it appeared that His Excellency, Meshech Weare, Esq ; had a majority of votes ; whereupon he was declared President of this State, and published accordingly.

After which, adjourned to eight o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, JUNE 4, 1784.

The House met according to adjournment.

Voted, That the Rev. Mr. McClintock, have and receive out of the Treasury the sum of fifteen pounds, as a compensation for his excellent Discourse delivered before the Senate and House of Representatives on the commencement of the new Constitution, and that the President give order accordingly.

Sent up by Capt. Allen.

Voted, That Col. Peabody, Gen. Badger, Mr. McGregore, Major Gains, and Col. Payne, be a committee to prepare and lay before this House such rules as they may think necessary for the regulation and government thereof.

Voted, That the Hon. Josiah Bartlett, Esq; be requested to tarry in this place for a few days to assist in the qualification of such Senators and members of the House of Representatives, as are not already qualified.

The Senate and House being again met to elect necessary officers, agreeably to the Constitution, by joint ballot, made choice of the Hon. Ebenezer Thompson, Esq; Secretary for this State, until another shall be appointed in his stead.

They then agreed to appoint the Hon. Woodbury Langdon, Esq; Christopher Toppan, Esq; and Col. Moses Leavitt, a committee to wait on His Excellency Meshech Weare, Esq; and deliver to him the declaration of his election as President of this State.

After which agreed to adjourn and meet again at eight o'clock tomorrow morning.

* 12 : 577 * Upon reading and considering the petition of the Selectmen and others, inhabitants of New Boston, against the admission of Jonathan Gove, to a seat in this House, returned as representative for said town; and it appearing after a full hearing of the parties, that the said Gove, had been convicted of uttering and passing counterfeit money, knowing the same to be such, which in the opinion of this House disqualifies him for a seat therein,—Therefore,

Voted, That he be not admitted a member of this House; and that a copy of this vote be made out and sent to the selectmen of New-Boston, in order that a person may be elected to represent said town in General-Court agreeably to the Constitution.

Adjourned to three o'clock, P. M.

Met accordingly.

Voted, That Col. Peabody, Gen. Badger, Mr. Marsh, Major Whitcomb, and Col. Senter, with such of the Honorable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of and report to this House,

what method shall be taken in the absence of the President in order to forward the public business.

Sent up by Capt. Pettingill.

Voted, That Dr. Brackett, Capt. Pickering, Col. Runnels, Col. Peabody, and Mr. E. Grout, with such of the honorable Board as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the account of Charles Bowen, and all similar matters: Also, of all petitions of sick and wounded officers and soldiers, and report thereon.

Sent up by Mr. Duncan.

Voted, That Col. Bartlett, Mr. Jewett, and Mr. Mann, with such of the honorable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider the account of Robert Gerrish, and report thereon.

Sent up by Mr. McMurphy.

Adjourned to eight o'clock to-morrow morning.

*SATURDAY, JUNE 5, 1784. *12: 578

The House met according to adjournment.

The committee to consider of and report what method shall be taken in the absence of the President, to forward the public business, reported as their opinion, that the Legislature may and ought to proceed to transact the important business to them committed, and compleat the same as soon as may be, the absence of the President notwithstanding.

Signed, J. Wentworth, for the committee.

Which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Capt. Underhill.

Voted, That Col. Hill, Mr. Pickering, Gen. Badger, Capt. Putnam, Mr. Hall, and Col. Payne, with such of the honorable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider what business is most necessary to be first entered upon and done at this session, and report thereon.

Sent up by Mr. Cram.

Voted, That Mr. J. Pickering, Mr. Betton, and Mr. Jewett, with such of the honorable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of the Hon. Timothy Walker, Esq; Also of the petition of Sarah Little, and report thereon.

Sent up by Col. Hill.

Voted, That Mr. Chase, Col. Payne, Mr. Wallace, Mr. Knowles, and Mr. Jenness, with such of the honorable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Levi Harvey, and others, inhabitants of New-London, and report thereon.

Sent up by Mr. McMurphy.

Voted, That Col. Peabody, Major Wentworth, Capt. Spaulding, Major Shephard, and Col. Senter, with such of the Honor-
* 12 : 579 able Senate as they shall join, be a committee to * consider of the petition of Joshua-Jewett Prime, and all similar matters, and report thereon.

Sent up by Capt. Emerson.

Voted, That Mr. E. Pickering, Mr. Grout, and Col. Bartlett, with such of the honorable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Benjamin Baxter, and report thereon.

Sent up by Mr. Jenness.

Voted, That Mr. Pickering and Major Gains, with such of the honorable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to receive from the Rev. Mr. McClintock, a copy of the discourse by him delivered at the commencement of the New Constitution, and procure six hundred printed copies of the same, forty of which they are to present the Rev. Mr. McClintock with, the remainder to be lodged at the Secretary's office, to be distributed, one to each member of the General Court, one to each minister, and one to each town and parish within this State.

Sent up by Mr. Jenness.

Voted, That Capt. Copp, Col. Runnels, and Major Whitcomb, with such of the honorable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Col. Thomas Tash and all similar matters, and report thereon.

Sent up by Col. Tash.

The Senate and House being again met to elect the necessary officers, agreeably to the Constitution, after some conversation on the matter, agreed to adjourn to Monday next at three o'clock, P. M.

Voted, That the Board of War be directed to lay their accounts before the General Court at their next session, in order for a settlement.

Sent up by Mr. Duncan.

Voted, That Mr. J. Pickering, Mr. Smith, Col. Peabody, Col. Payne, and Major Gains, with such of the honorable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to draught all such public bills
* 12 : 580 as may be thought necessary to be passed at this session, and lay * the same before this House.

Sent up by Mr. Jenness.

Upon reading and considering the petition of the Hon. Timothy Walker, Esq ;

Voted, That the prayer thereof be granted, and that the petitioner have leave to bring in a bill accordingly.

Sent up by Col. Tash.

Upon reading and considering the petition of Sarah Little,

Voted, That the petitioner be heard thereon before the General Court on the second Wednesday of their next session, and that in the meantime she cause that the substance of the petition and order of Court thereon, be published in the "New-Hampshire Gazette," three weeks successively, that any person or persons may there appear and shew cause (if any they have,) why the prayer thereof may not be granted.

Sent up by Mr. Wallace.

Adjourned to Monday next, at three o'clock, P. M.

MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1784.

The House met according to adjournment.

Voted, That Mr. Jewett, Capt. Copp, and Capt. Spaulding, with such of the honorable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Sherburn Dearborn, and others, and report thereon.

Sent up by Major Wentworth.

Voted, That Gen. Badger, Major Gains, and Capt. Mann, with such of the honorable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Aaron Brown, and report thereon.

Sent up by Capt. Foss.

Voted, That Col. Peabody, Major Whitcomb, Major Gains, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Adams, with such of *the honorable * 12 : 581
Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of R. Freeman, in behalf of the Town of Hanover, and all similar matters, and report thereon.

Sent up by Mr. Ayers.

Voted, That Mr. Duncan, Mr. Beede, and Mr. Betton, with such of the honorable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Elizabeth Combs, and report thereon.

Sent up by Mr. Duncan.

The Senate and House being again met according to adjournment, to elect necessary officers agreeably to the constitution, but there being some of the members of the Senate and House absent, those met agreed to adjourn till tomorrow three o'clock, P. M.

Voted, That Major Wiggin, Capt. Copp, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Hall, and Mr. Freeman, with such of the honorable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petitions of James Robertson and all similar matters, and report thereon.

Sent up by Mr. Mann.

Upon reading and considering the petition of Hezekiah Wilkins,

Voted, That the petitioner be heard thereon before the General Court on the second Thursday of their next session, and that in the

meantime he cause that Ebenezer Champney, Esq; be served with a copy of the petition, and order of the Court thereon, that he may then appear and shew cause (if any he hath) why the prayer thereof may not be granted; and that the service of the execution be stayed until the determination of the General-Court.

Sent up by Col. King.

Voted, That Col. Peabody, Major Gains, Mr. Mann, Col. Child, and Mr. Jewett, with such of the honorable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of and report what method
* 12 : 582 they judge proper to be taken with * respect to the Continental bills now in the Treasury, or in the hands of individuals belonging to this State.

Sent up by Col. Child.

Upon reading and considering the petition of Levi Harvey, and others, inhabitants of New London,

Voted, That the petitioners be heard thereon before the General-Court, on the second Thursday of their next session; and that in the mean time the petitioners cause that the substance of the petition and order of Court thereon, be published three weeks successively in the "New-Hampshire Gazette," that any person or persons may then appear and shew cause (if any they have) why the prayer thereof may not be granted.

Sent up by Mr. Jenness.

Adjourned to eight o'clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 1784.

The House met according to adjournment.

Upon reading and considering the petition of Jeremiah Tibbetts,

Voted, That the petitioner be heard thereon before the General Court on the first Friday of their next session; and that in the mean time, the petitioner cause that the substance of the petition and order of Court thereon, be published three weeks successively in the "New-Hampshire Gazette," that any person or persons may then appear and shew cause (if any they have) why the prayer thereof may not be granted.

Sent up by Mr. Foss.

Voted, That Mr. Jewett, Mr. McMurphy, Mr. Pickering, Col. Peabody, and Col. Bartlett, with such of the honorable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the account of Major Jonathan Child, and papers accompanying the same, and report thereon.

* 12 : 583 Sent up by Mr. Child.*

Voted, That the committee for draughting bills, prepare

and lay before this House, a resolve impowering the Treasurer to issue certificates for the interest on securities issued by this State; which certificates are to be received at the Treasury in payment of all public taxes: And also to issue certificates for fifteen *per centum*, of the principal of all State securities owned by the inhabitants thereof, if requested; which last mentioned certificates are to be received in payment of any taxes prior to the current year, and to be worded accordingly.

Sent up by Mr. Duncan.

Voted, That General Badger, Mr. Jewett, and Mr. Young, with such of the honorable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Bartholomew Goyer, and report thereon.

Sent up by Mr. Duncan.

Voted, That Mr. Young, Gen. Badger, Col. Payne, Mr. Jewett, and Col. Runnels, with such of the honorable Senate, as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of John Holbrook; also the petition of Joshua Lamkin, and report thereon.

Sent up by Capt. Underhill.

Voted, That Mr. Betton, Col. Runnels and Mr. Daniels, with such of the honorable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Capt. John Moore, and report thereon.

Sent up by Capt. Spaulding.

Voted, That Mr. McGregore, Mr. Beede, and Col. Senter, with such of the honorable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of the selectmen of Winchester, and all similar matters, and report thereon.

Sent up by Capt. Pettingill.

Voted, That Capt. Foss, Mr. Jenness, and Mr. Knowles, with such of the honorable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Major Jonathan Wentworth, and report thereon.

Sent up by Major Wentworth.* * 1 : 584

Voted, That Mr. Jenness, Capt. Spaulding, and Mr. Martin, with such of the honorable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Elizabeth Ballard, and report thereon.

Sent up by Mr. Greeley.

Voted, That Mr. Betton, Mr. McMurphy, Col. Payne, Gen. Badger, Col. King, Mr. Duncan, and Col. Toppan, with such of the honorable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider what each member of the honorable Senate and House of Representatives, and their officers, shall receive per day for their attendance at this session, and in what manner; also, how much they shall receive per mile for their travel to and from the General Court, and report thereon.

Sent up by Mr. Duncan.

Whereas on the fifth day of April last past, a precept issued to the selectmen of Surrey and Gilsom, in the County of Cheshire, directing them to notify a meeting of the male inhabitants of twenty-one years of age and upwards, paying each one for himself a poll-tax in Surrey and Gilsom, giving them fifteen days notice to meet at some convenient place in Surrey, sometime before the month of June current, to elect one person qualified agreeably to the directions of the New Constitution, to represent said Surrey and Gilsom in General-Assembly, now sitting at Concord; and whereas by accident or mistake, no meeting was ever legally warned for the election of such Representative, whereby said towns have lost the opportunity of sending a Representative till the next annual election, unless specially impowered for that purpose;

Wherefore be it *Resolved*, By the Senate and House of
* 12 : 585 Representatives in General-Court convened,* that the selectmen of Surrey and Gilsom, be and hereby are impowered and directed to notify and warn said inhabitants, giving them fifteen days notice, to meet in some convenient place in said Surrey, sometime before the first day of September next, to elect by ballot one person qualified agreeably to the directions of the present Constitution, to represent said Surrey and Gilsom in the General-Assembly, until the first Wednesday of June next; and that said Selectmen are hereby directed to make true return to the House of Representatives, of the person so elected, at their next session, and to notify him to attend accordingly.

Sent up by Capt. Fogg.

The committee for preparing rules for the regulation and government of the House, reported the following, which were read and considered, received and accepted.

RULES AND REGULATIONS AGREED UPON FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FIRST.

That as it is essential to the public interest, so it shall be considered and enjoined as the incumbent duty of each member of this House seasonably and punctually to attend in his place, and not to absent himself without leave.

SECOND.

That freedom of deliberation, speech and debate in the House, be allowed to each member thereof; yet if any member by misbehavior

in speech or action, in the House, shall give just cause of offence to another, he shall for the first offence be fined at the discretion of the House, and for the second be admonished.

THIRD.

That every member when he would make a motion, speak to a matter in debate, or for any other purpose whatever, shall rise from his seat and address himself to the Speaker; but on being called to order by the Speaker, or any other member, he shall be silent; though if such * silenced member shall think himself injured thereby, the Speaker shall take a vote of the House thereon, to whose decision such member shall submit on pain of displeasure. * 12 : 586

FOURTH.

That no member speak more than twice to a subject in debate, 'till each member (if he pleases) shall offer his opinion.

FIFTH.

No motion shall be debated, until the same shall be seconded.

SIXTH.

When a motion is made and seconded, if desired by any member, it shall be reduced to writing before any debate shall be allowed thereon.

SEVENTH.

While a question is before the House, no motion shall be received, unless to amend or commit the same, or to postpone the consideration of the main question, or for having the yeas and nays entered on the journal.

EIGHTH.

If a question in debate contains several points, any member may have the same divided.

NINTH.

That no vote passed in the House shall be reconsidered by a number inferior to that present, when it was passed.

TENTH.

That if the House shall adjudge that any person returned as a member is not duly qualified to have a seat therein, agreeably to the

Constitution, it shall at any time be in the power of such part of the House as are competent, to pass a valid vote or resolve to dismiss such person giving notice to the town or district from which he came to choose another in his stead.

ELEVENTH.

That every member having been present at a debate, and the vote thereon being challenged, or the yeas and nays being called for, shall be obliged when called upon by the speaker to vote on one side or the other of the question, unless special reasons be assigned, the validity of which shall be determined by the
* 12 : 587 House.*

TWELFTH.

That no member speaking by leave shall be interrupted by another but by rising to call to order or to correct a mistake.

THIRTEENTH.

That every bill offered to the House shall be read three times, and that there be two adjournments before it pass to be enacted.

FOURTEENTH.

That no bill be sent to the Senate Board without notice thereof being first given to the House by the Speaker, and the title thereof being read.

FIFTEENTH.

That no member nominate more than one person for one committee, provided the person by him nominated shall be chosen.

SIXTEENTH.

That no member be on more than two committees at the same time, unless by his own consent; and no member chosen on any committee shall have liberty to nominate another person for the same committee.

SEVENTEENTH.

That no petition be received by the House but from a member thereof, and on motion made for that purpose.

EIGHTEENTH.

Every morning the minutes of the preceeding day shall be read in the House previous to their entering upon any new business.

NINETEENTH.

That no person except members of the General Court be admitted above the bar of the House without permission of the Speaker, or special invitation from some member of the house.

Adjourned to three o'clock P. M.

Met accordingly.* * 12 : 588

The Senate and House being again met to elect officers agreeably to the Constitution, by joint ballot made choice of the Hon. John-Taylor Gilman, Esq ; Treasurer for this State, to continue until another shall be appointed in his stead. They then proceeded to the choice of a Commissary General, and by joint ballot made choice of Col. Supply Clapp, Commissary General for this State, to continue until another shall be chosen in his stead. They then agreed to adjourn to nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

Voted That Mr. Betton, Major Wentworth, Mr. Adams, Capt. Sumner, and Col. Senter, with such of the honorable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of a petition signed Josiah Brown, Chairman of Convention, and report thereon.

Sent up by Mr. Freeman.

Upon a hearing on the petition of Richard York, in behalf of Robert Macklin.

Voted, That the prayer thereof be granted, and that the petitioner have leave to bring in a bill accordingly.

Sent up by Capt. Morrill.

Ajourned to eight o'clock tomorrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9, 1784.

The House met according to adjournment.

Upon reading and considering the petition of Major Jonathan Child, in behalf of Jonathan Mason, praying for a grant of a ferry over Connecticut river,

Voted, That the petitioner be heard thereon, before the General-Court, on the second Tuesday of their next Session ; and that in the mean time the * petitioner cause the substance * 12 : 589 of the petition and order of Court thereon, to be published three weeks successively in the "New Hampshire Gazette;" also serve the selectmen of Lyme with a copy thereof, and order thereon, that they or either of them, or any person or persons, may then appear and show cause (if any they have) why the prayer thereof may not be granted.

Sent up by Col. Peabody.

An act to enable Timothy Walker, Esq ; as guardian of Paul Rolfe, to sell and convey certain lands belonging to his said ward, for his support and education, was read a third time and passed to be enacted. Sent up by Col. Peabody and Capt. Copeland.

The Senate and House being again met according to adjournment to elect officers agreeably to the Constitution, by joint ballot made choice of the Hon. John Langdon, Esq ; a Senator for the county of Rockingham, in the room and stead of the Hon. John Dudley, Esq ; who declined accepting. They then proceeded to the choice of a Council, and by joint ballot made choice of the Hon. John McClary, Francis Blood, and Joseph Badger, Esqrs, three of the Councilors for this State ; then adjourned to three o'clock P. M.

The House then proceeded to business agreeably to the order of the day.

Upon a hearing on the petition of Tristram Dalton and Nathaniel Tracy, Esq'rs,

Voted, That the prayer thereof be granted, and that the petitioners have leave to bring in a bill accordingly.

Sent up by Capt. Foss.

Upon a hearing on the petition of Oliver Ashley,

Voted, That the prayer thereof be granted, and that the petitioner have leave to bring in a bill accordingly. Sent up by Mr.
* 12 : 590 Means.*

Upon reading and considering the petition of Peter Green, Esq ; in behalf of James Richardson,

Voted, That the petitioner be heard thereon before the General Court on the first Friday of their next session ; in the mean time the petitioner cause that Benjamin Whitcomb, of Gunthwait, be served with a copy of the petition, and order of Court thereon, that he may then appear and shew cause (if any he hath) why the prayer thereof may not be granted.

Sent up by Capt. Fogg.

Upon reading and considering the petition of Elisha Ellis,

Voted, That the petitioner be heard thereon before the General Court on the second Wednesday of their next session ; and that in the mean time, the petitioner cause that Tyxhall Cleveland, or his attorney Mr. Benjamin West, be served with a copy of the petition and order of Court thereon, that they or either of them may then appear and shew cause (if any they have) why the prayer thereof may not be granted.

Sent up by Major Wiggin.

Voted, That Mr. Chase, Mr. Pickering, and Major Whitcomb, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to

consider of the account of Joshua Lamkin and John Holbrook, select-men of Strafford, and report thereon.

Sent up by Major Cram.

The committee on the petition of Capt. John Moore, reported as their opinion that the prayer of the petition be granted, and that the Committee on depreciation be ordered to make up depreciation to the petitioner as a Lieutenant from the first day of January 1777, to the 13th day of September 1778.

Signed, Joseph Gilman, for the committee.

Which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Col. Runnels.* * 12 : 591

Voted, That Mr. Adams, Major Gaines, and Capt. Clough, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to consider of the petition of Lieut. Daniel McMurphy, and report thereon.

Sent up by Mr. Jenness.

Adjourned to three o'clock P. M.

Met accordingly.

Upon reading and considering the petition of Richard-Cutt Shannon, Esq;

Voted, That the petitioner be heard thereon before the General Court on the second Wednesday of their next session; and that in the mean time the petitioner cause that Moses Thurston, of Hollis, be served with a copy of the petition and order of Court thereon, that he may then appear and shew cause (if any he hath) why the prayer thereof may not be granted.

Sent up by Capt. Spaulding.

The Senate and House being again met according to adjournment proceeded to elect the remainder of the Council agreeably to the Constitution, and by joint ballot made choice of the Hon. Nathaniel Peabody and Moses Chace, Esq'rs for the other two Counsellors for this State. They then adjourned 'till to-morrow morning nine o'clock.

The committee to consider the petition of James Robertson, reported, that the Treasurer be directed to credit the town of Chesterfield with the sum of ninety-nine pounds seven shillings and two pence, in part of their tax for the year 1780, and debit said town with the sum of fifty five pounds seventeen shillings and ten pence for the year 1781, and that he debit the State with the sum of thirty three pounds nine shillings and four pence being the difference; and further that he be directed to receive of the petitioner, sixteen hundred and thirty eight dollars and one third of a dollar of the old Continental money, at the rate the State tax was liquidated at for the

* 12 : 592 * year 1780; provided he at the same time pay the balance of the tax due for said year 1780, all which is submitted. Signed, Joseph Gilman, for the Committee.

Wihch report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Mr. Wallace.

Voted, That Mr. Adams, Col. Tash, Capt. Fogg, Mr. Eastman, and Major Batcheldor, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to consider of the abstract of Brigadier-General James Reed, and the resolves of Congress accompanying the same, and report thereon.

Sent up by Mr. Wallace.

The committee on the petition of Joshua Lamkin and John Holbrook, reported, that a day of hearing be appointed, whereupon

Voted, That the petitioners be heard thereon before the General Court on the first Friday of their next session, and that in the mean time the petitioners cause that the substance of the petitions and order of Court thereon, be published three weeks successively in the "New Hampshire Gazette," that any person or persons may then appear and shew cause (if any they have) why the prayer thereof may not be granted.

Sent up by Col. King.

Upon reading and considering the petition of Reuben Kidder,

Voted, That the prayer thereof be granted, and that the Treasurer be directed to issue another note and certificates of equal sums and date with those lost; the petitioner giving security that if the note and certificate, or either of them, should hereafter be presented for payment, that he will account for those now issued.

Sent up by Mr. Ayers.

Adjourned to eight o'clock to-morrow morning.

* 12 : 593. *THURSDAY, June 10, 1784.

The House met according to adjournment.

Read and debated on several public bills.

Adjourned to three o'clock, P. M.

Met accordingly.

An act for raising the sum of twenty five thousand pounds, for the use of this State, the present year, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Col. Bartlett and Mr. Jewett.

The committee on the petition of Lt. Daniel McMurphy, reported

that the prayer of the petition be so far granted, as that an order on the Treasury be issued in favor of the petitioner, for twenty pounds, and a note in common form for the ballance. Signed, J. Gilman, for the committee. Which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Mr. Jenness.

Upon reading and considering the petition of Henry Gerrish, and others, inhabitants of Boscawen,

Voted, That the prayer thereof be granted, and that a precept issue accordingly.

Sent up by Capt. Pettengill.

Upon reading and considering the petition of Major Jonathan Wentworth,

Voted, That upon his (the said Wentworth's) paying into the Treasury the sum of thirty two pounds, in State securities, with the interest due thereon, that the Treasurer be directed to cancel or deliver up the bond which he has in his office, signed by said Wentworth, which was given for excise in the year 1774.

Sent up by Major Wentworth.

The committee on the petition of Joshua-Jewett Prime, and all similar matters reported, that the said Joshua-Jewett Prime, and all others under like circumstances have and receive the wages engaged them by the State, for their services in such manner as other soldiers have * been paid ; what they have already * 12 : 594 received being first deducted. Signed, J. Wentworth, for the committee. Which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted ; and that the committee on soldiers' accounts be directed to certify to the President the ballance due to each soldier ; and that the President on the receipt of such certificates, give order that the Treasurer issue notes and certificates accordingly.

Sent up by Capt. Spaulding.

An act for paying the interest and sinking the principal of this State's debt, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Col. Bartlett, and Mr. Jewett.

An act to vacate a deed given by Robert Macklin, to Richard Foss, of certain lands in Brintwood, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Col. Bartlett and Mr. Jewett.

Voted, That Major Gaines, Col. Bartlett, and Mr. Freeman, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to consider of the petition of Mr. Samuel Emerson, and report thereon.

Sent up by Capt. Spaulding.

Voted, That Mr. Betton, Mr. Payne, Col. Bartlett, Col. Senter, and Mr. Duncan, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to consider of the petition of Amos Whittemore, and others, inhabitants of Lyndeborough, and the papers accompanying the same, and report thereon.

Sent up by Mr. Martin.

The committee on the petition of R. Freeman, and all similar matters, reported as their opinion that the town of Claremont, be abated one eighth part of their proportion as established by the last valuation, and until another be made; and that the
* 12 : 595 Treasurer * take order accordingly. Signed, M. Dow, for the committee. Which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Capt. Mann.

Upon reading and considering the petition of Joseph Hoyt, and others,

Voted, That the proportion placed to Hoyt's Gore, in the last proportion act, be abated, as it appears that said Gore was taken into the town of Grafton, and proportioned therewith.

Sent up by Mr. Ayers.

Adjourned to eight o'clock tomorrow morning.

FRIDAY JUNE 11, 1784.

The House met according to adjournment.

An act to establish an equitable method of making rates and taxes and determining who shall be legal voters in town and parish affairs; and also for repealing certain acts herein after mentioned, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Col. Runnels and Mr. Emerson.

Voted, That General Badger, Mr. Dow, and Mr. Adams, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to consider what allowance shall be made to such of the late honorable Council who attend to qualify the honorable members of the Senate and House of Representatives agreeably to the Constitution of this State.

Sent up by Capt. Allen.

The committee on the petition of R. Freeman, and all similar matters, reported as their opinion, that the town of Piermont, be abated in all taxes and assessments for the year 1777, 1778, and 1779, two fifths part; and for the years 1780, 1781, 1782, and 1783, one quarter part; and in their proportion as last established, one fifth part; which is to continue until a new proportion shall be established. Signed, M. Dow, for the committee.

Which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted, and that the Treasurer govern himself accodingly.

Sent up by Mr. Jenness.* * 12 : 595

Voted, That the Hon. Abiel Foster, Jonathan Blanchard, John Langdon, and Moses Dow, Esquires, be and they hereby are appointed delegates to represent this State in the Congress of the United States, for the term of one year from the first Monday in November next, unless sooner relieved or recalled by the General Court of this State, with all the powers and privileges which other delegates from this State have heretofore had and enjoyed, agreeably to the Confederation of the said United States; two of whom only, are to attend at one and the same time.

Sent up by Mr. Jenness.

Voted, That Gen. Badger, Mr. McMurphy, Mr. Adams, Mr. Smiley, and Col. Runnels, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to consider of the petition of Abigail Clayes, and report thereon.

Sent up by Capt. Mann.

Voted, That Mr. Means, Col. Toppan and Gen. Badger, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to nominate to this House suitable persons for a committee to revise the laws of this State, and prepare such bills as they may judge necessary for that purpose; also, any bills which they may be directed by the General Court to prepare, and lay the same before this House at the next session, or as soon as may be.

Sent up by Capt. Mann.

Voted, That Col. Toppan, Col. Bartlett, and Mr. Adams, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to consider of the petition of Benjamin Butler, Esq; and report thereon.

Sent up by Major Gaines.* * 12 : 597

Voted, That Col. Toppan, Col. Payne, Gen. Badger, Mr. Duncan, and Mr. Sumner, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to consider what business is yet necessary to be done at this session, and at what time, and to what time and place, this General-Court shall be adjourned, and report thereon.

Sent up by Major Gains.

Voted, That the hearing on the petition of Benjamin Sumner, which was to have been yesterday before the General-Court, be heard as soon as may be before said Court.

Sent up by Major Gains.

Upon reading and considering the petition of Leonard Whiting, Esq;

Voted, That the prayer thereof be granted, and that he have leave to bring in a bill accordingly.

Sent up by Mr. Cram.

Voted, That Mr. Pickering, Mr. Knowles, Mr. Means, Mr. Hall, and Col. Payne, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to nominate to this House proper persons to whom dedimuses shall issue to enable them to qualify such officers as may be appointed in this State.

Sent up by Mr. Cram.

Upon a hearing on the petition of Capt. Benjamin Sumner,

Voted, That the prayer thereof be granted, and that the petitioner have leave to bring in a bill accordingly.

Sent up by Mr. Cram.

Voted, That Mr. Jewett, Mr. Means, and Mr. Emerson, with such of the honorable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Ephraim Hildreth, and all similar matters, and report thereon.

Sent up by Mr. Greeley.

Adjourned to three o'clock, P. M.

* 12 : 598

Met accordingly.

Voted, That the account of Thomas Bartlett, Esq; amounting to five pounds and nine shillings, be allowed and paid out of the Treasury by order of the President.

Sent up by Col. Bartlett.

Voted, That Col. Runnels, Mr. Jewett, and Mr. McMurphy, with such of the honorable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of William Gallop, and report thereon.

Sent up by Col. Leavitt.

Whereas in and by an act passed January 16th 1782, *entitled an act for liquidating the public securities of this State, adjusting the interest on the same, and authorizing the Treasurer to issue notes payable in gold or silver, the new notes therein directed to be issued are dated July* 31st 1782, *and it being very inconvenient that the notes which may hereafter be issued in pursuance of said act, should bear date at that time;*

Therefore *Resolved*, That the form prescribed for said notes be so far altered as that the notes shall hereafter be dated *July* 31st 1784, instead of *July* 31st 1782, and certificates for the interest be issued accordingly; any law of this State to the contrary notwithstanding.

Sent up by Major Cram.

Voted, That the Hon. Joseph Gilman, Esq; Capt. Josiah Gilman, and Joseph Pearson, Esq; the committee for settling the accounts of

this State, with Stephen Gorham, Esq ; commissioner for settling the accounts between this and the United-States, be directed to make a tender to the said Stephen Gorham, Esq ; of all the Continental bills of the old emission now in the Treasury of this State, towards our Continental debt, at the rate of forty for one, agreeably to a resolve of Congress.

Sent up by Col. Tash.* * 12 : 599

Voted, That Col. Peabody, Col. Page, and Mr. Jenness, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to consider of and report what method shall be taken respecting the Continental money now in the hands of individuals belonging to this State.

Sent up by Col. Leavitt.

The committee appointed to consider what allowance the members of the Senate and House of Representatives, and their officers, shall receive for their wages and travel, &c. reported "That the members of the Senate have and receive out of the Treasury six shillings per day for their attendance, and four pence per mile for their travel to and from their homes, that the members of the House of Representatives have and receive out of the Treasury the same travel as the members of the senate and six shillings per day for their attendance, for which last sum each member of the House shall have a right to give the Constable of town or towns they represent, an order upon the Treasurer, which order shall be received at the Treasury toward the tax of the town or district each member represents, and the Treasurer be directed to charge the amount of such orders to the respective town and district in the next tax bill ; that the Secretary have nine shillings per day, and the Deputy-Secretary seven shillings and six-pence per day, and allowance for travel as members ; that the Clerk of the House have nine shillings per day, and allowance for travel as a member ; that the Assistant-Clerk have one shilling and sixpence per day, over his pay as a member. Signed, John McClary, for the committee.

Which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted ; and that the Secretary and Clerk make up the respective rolls accordingly ; and that the Clerk of the House be made up one day extraordinary for making up the roll ; and that the President give a general order for the payment of said rolls.

Sent up by Capt. Allen.* * 12 : 600

Upon reading and considering the petition of James Robertson,

Voted, That the petitioner be heard thereon before the General Court on the first Friday of their next session, and that in the mean time the

petitioner cause that the Selectmen of Pembrook, and the Selectmen of Bow, each be served with a copy of the petition and order of Court thereon, that they or either of them, may then appear and shew cause (if any they have) why the prayer thereof may not be granted.

Sent up by Mr. Grout.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Amos Whittemore, and others, reported that the petitioners be heard thereon before the General Court on the second Wednesday of their next sitting; and that in the mean time they give notice to the towns of Lyndborough and Peterborough, by serving the selectmen of each town with a copy of said petition and order of Court thereon; and also the like notice to the major part of the proprietors of said Mile Slip, at least forty days before said day of hearing. Signed, S. Olcott, for the committee.

Which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Mr. Sanborn.

Voted, That the Hon. Josiah Bartlett, Esq; have and receive out of the Treasury, the sum of six pounds, and the Hon. Woodbury Langdon, Esq; one pound ten shillings, for their service in attending to qualify the members of the Senate and House, agreeably to the Constitution; and that the President give order accordingly.

Sent up by Mr. Sanborn.

The committee to consider of the petition and account of Mr. Samuel Emerson reported, that the account of Samuel Emerson, amounting to three hundred and fifty eight pounds seventeen shillings and seven pence, deducting * all such sums as he has received at Camp, or the Board of War, or Treasurer; and when the Committee on Claims have adjusted the same, that the ballance be paid him out of the Treasury, by order of the President, in a note with interest in common form, as other officers are paid. Signed, Joseph Gilman, for the committee.

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Which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be receved and accepted.

Sent up by Col. Peabody.

Upon reading and considering the petition of Elizabeth Ballard, of Wilton,

Voted, That the prayer thereof be granted, and that she have leave to bring in a bill accordingly.

Sent up by Col. Peabody.

Adjourned to seven o'clock to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY JUNE 12, 1784.

The House met according to adjournment.

Voted, That when the business of this Session is finished, the General-Court be adjourned to meet again at Portsmouth, on Wednesday the twentieth day of October next, at three o'clock P. M.

Sent up by Col. Peabody.

Voted, That the account of James Knowles, Esq; amounting to one pound eighteen shillings and eight pence, be allowed and paid out of the Treasury by order of the President.

Sent up by Capt. Allen.

The committee on the account of Major Jonathan Child, reported that the four following receipts given by Major Jonathan Child, be received, viz. One given to Azariah Webb, for five thousand three hundred and ninety two pounds ten shillings; Ephraim Morey, one thousand one hundred and forty pounds twelve shillings six pence; Abel Sawyer, five hundred and forty seven pounds ten shillings; and Amasa Bugbee, for nine hundred and seventy nine pounds seventeen shillings. Signed, Joseph Gilman, for the committee.

Which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Capt. Allen.

The vote of yesterday respecting the allowance to the Hon. Josiah Bartlett, and Woodbury Langdon, Esq'rs, came * * 12 : 602 back from the honorable Senate for the following amendment, viz. That there be paid to the Hon. Woodbury Langdon, Esq; three pounds, instead of thirty shillings, voted; which amendment was read and concurred by the House.

Voted, That the honorable the senior Senator, and the honorable the Speaker of the House, be and hereby are authorized and impowered to administer the oaths necessary to qualify the persons appointed a Council for the President of this State, to act in said office.

Sent up by Major Gains.

Voted, That Capt. Copp, Mr. Adams, and Mr. Chase, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to consider what allowance shall be made to the committee who waited on his Excellency the President to inform him of his election, and report thereon.

Sent up by Capt. Mann.

The committee on the petition of R. Freeman, and all similar matters, reported as their opinion, that the town of Hanover be abated one third part of all their taxes and assessments previous to the cur-

rent year. Signed, M. Dow, for the committee. Which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Col. Peabody.

The committee to nominate suitable persons for a committee to revise the laws of this State, and prepare such bills as they may judge necessary for that purpose; and also any bills which they may be directed by the General-Court to prepare, and lay the same before this House at the next session, or as soon as may be, reported, that the Hon. Samuel Livermore, Esq; the Hon. Josiah Bartlett, Esq; and the Hon. John Sullivan, Esq; are suitable persons for a committee to revise the laws of this State, and transact the other
* 12 : 603 business above * mentioned. Signed, J. Wentworth, for the committee.

Which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted; and that the Hon. Samuel Livermore, Esq; the Hon. Josiah Bartlett, Esq; and the Hon. John Sullivan, Esq; be and they hereby are appointed and authorized to transact the business above mentioned.

Sent up by Mr. Young.

Voted, That the account of John Calfe, Esq; amounting to four pounds five shillings and six pence, be allowed and paid out of the public treasury, by order of the President. Sent up by Col. Peabody.

The committee on the petition of William Gallop, reported, that Derrick Oxford be allowed full pay for three years, the term for which he inlisted, in the same manner that other three-years men have been paid. Signed, E Smith, for the committee.

Which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Col. Peabody.

Upon reading and considering the petition of B. Butler, Esq;

Voted, That on his, the said Butler's, paying into the Treasury the sum of three hundred and fifty two pounds, sixteen shillings and sixpence, in specie, with what he has already paid, and the remainder of what is due on the bond mentioned in said petition, in State securities; the Treasurer is hereby directed to receive said securities, and cancel or deliver up said bond, signed by the said Butler, and others.

Sent up by Col. Bartlett.

Upon reading and considering the petition of Major Jonathan Child,

Voted, That the petitioner be heard thereon before the General-Court on the first Friday of their next session, and that in the mean time the petitioner cause that Col. Jonathan Moulton, of Hampton, be served with a copy of the petition and order of Court thereon, that

he may then appear and shew cause (if any he hath) why the prayer thereof may not be granted,* and that all further proceedings against the said Child, with respect to the execution mentioned in said petition, be stayed, and that the said Child be not liable to satisfy and discharge said execution until the decision of the General Court be obtained on said petition. * 12 : 604

Sent up by Mr. Freeman.

Voted, That Mr. Jewett, Mr. Knowles, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Grout, and Major Baker, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to consider of the petition of Thomas Russell, and others, agents for Piermont, Orford, Lyme, Hanover, and Lebanon; also of the petition of John Young, in behalf of sundry towns in the County of Grafton, and report thereon.

Sent up by Mr. Freeman.

Voted, That the Hon. George Atkinson, Esq; John Pickering, Esq; and George Gains, Esq; with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a commitee to prepare a device and inscription for a seal for this State, and lay the same before this House at their next session; and that the seal used under the late Constitution, be made use of until another is provided.

Sent up by Capt. Foss.

The committee on the petition of Aaron Brown, reported that the prayer thereof be granted; and that the Treasurer be directed to give up the bond mentioned in said petition, the interest due thereon notwithstading. Signed, Timothy Walker, for the committee.

Which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Capt. Foss.

The committee to nominate proper persons to whom dedimuses shall issue to enable them to qualify such officers as may be appointed in this State, beg leave to report as their opinion, that the honorable the Privy Counsellors, or any two of them, within any county * in this State; the Hon. Josiah Bartlett, John McClary, Samuel Penhallow, and George Atkinson, Esq'rs, within the county of Rockingham; the Hon. John Wentworth, John Plummer, Joseph Badger, and Ebenezer Smith, Esqrs, within the County of Strafford; the Hon. Matthew Thornton, Samuel Dana, Jeremiah Page, and Robert McGregore, Esq'rs, within the county of Hillsborough; the Hon. Benjamin Bellows, Simeon Olcott, Benjamin Hall, and Daniel Newcombe, Esq'rs, in the county of Cheshire; the Hon. Samuel Livermore, Charles Johnston, Samuel Emerson, Moses Dow, Elisha Payne, and Bezaleel Woodward, Esq'rs, within the county of Grafton, be commissioned; either two of whom within the respective counties, to be and hereby are vested with full power to administer * 12 : 605

the oath of allegiance, and the oaths of office appointed by the Constitution, to any civil or military officers that may be appointed. Signed, M. Thornton, for the committee.

Which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Mr. Jewett.

Adjourned to half past two o'clock P. M.

Met accordingly.

The committee on the petition of Josiah Brown, chairman of a convention, reported that the certificates to be issued for the fifteen per cent, will answer a better end than the bank of paper money mentioned in said petition ; that the Clerk's fees, and the fees for writs are too high, and the Juror's fees too low. Signed, F. Blood, for the committee.

Which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Mr. McMurphy.

The Senate and House being again met to elect a Senator in the room and stead of the Hon. Benjamin Bellows, Esq ; who
* 12 : 606 declined accepting ; and the ballots being taken, it * appeared that the Hon. Enoch Hale, Esq ; is chosen a Senator for the county of Cheshire.

Upon reading and considering the petition of the Selectmen of Dearing,

Voted, That the prayer thereof be granted, and that Capt. Joseph Symonds, John Duncan, Esq ; and Mr. Robert Wallace, be a committee at the charge of the petitioners, to fix upon the place for building a meeting house in said Dearing.

Sent up by Mr. Wallace.

An act authorizing and impowering Leonard Whiting, Esq ; to levy or extend an execution recovered by him, upon the estate of Benjamin Whiting, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Mr. Jewett and Mr. Means.

An act to divide the town of Apthorp, in the county of Grafton, and incorporate the same into two several towns, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Col. Peabody, and Col. Runnels.

Voted, That the Hon. Woodbury Langdon, Esq ; Christopher Toppan, Esq ; and Moses Leavitt, Esq ; have and receive out of the Treasury, forty shillings each, for their time and expences going to

notify his Excellency the President, of his election; and that the President give order accordingly.

Sent up by Major Shephard.

Voted, That Mr. Wight, have and receive out of the Treasury, by order of the President, thirty shillings, for his services as chaplain to the General-Court this session.

Sent up by Mr. Shephard.

Voted, That the account of Caleb Buswell, amounting to forty shillings, be allowed and paid out of the Treasury, by order of the President.

Sent up by Mr. Shephard.

* *Voted*, That the extents issued by the Treasurer against * 12 : 607 the towns of Piermont, Orford, Lyme, Hanover, Lebanon, Bath, Lyman, Landaff, Gunthwait, Apthorp, Lancaster, Northumberland, Stratford, Dartmouth, Cockburn, Coleburn, Canaan, Enfield, Grafton, Cardigan, Dorchester, Cornish and Claremont, be not served until the close of the next session of the General Court.

Sent up by Col. Runnels.

Voted, That the hearing on the petition of William Dana, which was to have been on Tuesday next, before the General-Court, be postponed to be heard before the said General Court, on the second Tuesday of their next session; of which all concerned may take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Sent up by Col. Runnels.

Voted, That the General-Court be now adjourned to meet again at the Court-House in Exeter, on Tuesday next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

Sent up by Mr. Wallace.

The foregoing vote being concurred by the Senate, the House adjourned accordingly.

TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 1784.

The House met according to adjournment.

The Senate and House being met in the Assembly-Chamber, his Excellency the President being present, took and subscribed the oath of allegiance and oath of office, in presence of both Houses, agreeably to the Constitution; the President and Senate then returned to the Council-Chamber. After which the following vote was sent down from the honorable Senate for concurrence.

State of New Hampshire.

IN SENATE, June 15, 1784.

RESOLVED, That the soldiers who inlisted in this State to
* 12 : 608 serve in the Continental army, and who * actually performed the service, according to their several engagements for two years, or for any less term of time than two years, agreeably to any act, resolve, or vote of the Legislature of this State, and who have not been rewarded and paid according to any such act, resolve or vote, shall be fully recompenced and paid as much as promised, as soon as their respective claims can be ascertained and their accounts settled; and the committee on soldiers accounts are hereby directed to certify to the President the ballance due as aforesaid to any such soldier, after deducting the town bounties and supplies in the same manner as the accounts of those who served three years or during the war, were settled; and the President on the receipt of such certificate, is requested to give order for the Treasurer to issue notes for the principal, and certificates for the interest, in the same manner as notes and certificates were issued for those soldiers who served for three years or during the war.

And it is further *Resolved*, That such towns as have not sent in their accounts for bounties and supplies for such soldiers as engaged for a less term than three years, have liberty to send in the same to the committee appointed to settle depreciation, 'till the fifteenth day of September next; and that no accounts for bounties and supplies be by them allowed, but such as are properly vouched, or attested to by the Selectmen. Sent down for concurrence.

* 12 : 609 M. WEARE, *President.**

In the House of Representatives,
The same day read and concurred.

Voted, That Mr. Benjamin Bigelow, have and receive out of the Treasury thirty pounds, for which he is to account as Agent-Victualler to the troops now at Piscataqua harbour, and that the President give order accordingly.

Sent up by Mr. Jenness.

Voted and *Resolved*, That the Treasurer within this State, for the time being, be and hereby is impowered and directed to advertise the citizens thereof, to bring in to him, if they shall see cause, before the first day of September 1784, all the Continental money of the old emission now owned by them; and that the said Treasurer, in behalf of the State, give a receipt therefor to the owners thereof, to account with them respectively for whatever sum or sums shall be allowed therefor in said State.

Sent up by Mr. Jenness.

The Secretary came down and informed the House that his Excellency the President has adjourned the General-Court to Wednesday the twentieth day of October next, at three o'clock in the afternoon, then to meet at the Court House in Portsmouth, agreeably to the agreement of both branches of the Legislature, and this House is accordingly adjourned.

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CONTAINING THE PROCEEDINGS FROM

OCTOBER 20 TO NOVEMBER 11, 1784.

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*1:20 *STATE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

At a Session of the General-Court, holden at Portsmouth, on Wednesday, the 20th day of October, 1784, being the day to which the General Court stood adjourned.

PRESENT IN SENATE,

His Excellency Meshech Weare, Esquire, *President*.

The Honorable Woodbury Langdon,
John McClary,
Timothy Walker,
Ebenezer Smith, and
Francis Blood, } Esquires.

The Honorable John Langdon, Esq. who was chosen a Senator by joint ballot, in the stead of the Honorable John Dudley, Esq. who declined accepting said office, attended, and after taking the necessary oaths, and signing the same agreeably to the Constitution, took his seat at the Senate-Board.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1784.

Present as yesterday; but not a quorum to proceed to business.

An address of the ministers of the Congregational churches, members of several associations in the State of New-Hampshire, was presented to his Excellency the President, by a committee of several associations in said State.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1784.

Present as yesterday: Also, the Honorable Joseph Gilman, Esq. attended, and then the Senate proceeded to business.

*1:21 *STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

IN SENATE, October 22, 1784.

A vote, that the Honorable Timothy Walker, and the Honorable Woodbury Langdon, Esquires, with such of the Honorable House of Representatives as they may join, be a committee to draught an answer to the address of the ministers of the congregational churches, members of several associations in the State of New-Hampshire, presented to his Excellency the President of said State, and to the General-Court, by a committee of several associations in said State, was sent down for concurrence by Mr. Blood; and, in the House of Representatives, was concurred. The members joined were Mr. Knowles, Mr. Adams and Mr. Smiley.

A vote on the petition of Samuel Connor, praying that a deed of his whole estate given by him to his children, may be made null and void, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate on the petition of Isaac Tucker, praying that he may receive the wages and bounty due to his son, who died on the 6th of July, 1782, was brought up, read and concurred. The members joined were Mr. Smith and Mr. Blood.

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to consider of the petition of John Simpson, setting forth, that he was wounded at Bunker-Hill, in 1775, and that he was put on the roll of pensioners for three years; but for reasons unknown to him
1:22 was not kept on said roll, and therefore prays his case may be taken under consideration, was brought up, read and concurred Mr. Gilman and Mr. Walker were joined.

A vote, that the hearing on the petition of Major Jonathan Child, be postponed until Wednesday next, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote, to postpone the hearing of the petition of Jeremiah Tibbetts until Friday, the 29th of October current, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to consider the propriety of passing an act in addition to an act intitled, "An act for the equal distribution of insolvent estates," and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred. Mr. Woodbury Langdon and Mr. Smith were joined.

A vote to postpone the hearing of the petition of Lamkin and Holbrook until Wednesday next, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to con-

sider of the petition of Edward Dimpsey (who prays that he may recover a demand against the estate of Stephen Holland, an absentee) and all similar matters, and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred.

Mr. John Langdon and Mr. Gilman were joined.

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to consider of the petition of the Selectmen of Conway, (praying for an abatement of taxes) and all similar matters,* and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred. Mr. Smith and Mr. Blood were joined. * 1 : 23

A vote, to postpone the hearing of the petition of James Robertson to the second Wednesday of the next session, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote, that Col. Peabody and Col. Toppan, be added to the committee on John Simpson's petition, and all petitions of sick and wounded officers and soldiers, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, on the petition of Samuel Lowell, (who prays that he may be paid for his losses when a prisoner) and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred. Mr. McClary and Mr. Blood were joined.

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to consider of the petition of Major Jonathan Child, in behalf of Lieutenant James Gould, (who says, that a sum of money was twice deducted by mistake, in a settlement with him) and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred, and Mr. Gilman joined.

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to consider and report what they may judge necessary to be done respecting horse thieves, &c. was brought up, read, concurred, and Mr. Walker and Mr. Woodbury Langdon were joined.

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to consider the several matters contained in his Excellency's message, received this day, and report thereon, was brought up, read, concurred, and Mr. Langdon,* Mr. Gilman, and Mr. McClary were joined. * 1 : 24

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to consider of the petition of Lieutenant Moses Belding, (who engaged in the service of New-Hampshire, as a Lieutenant, and who prays for depreciation equal to what others of the same rank had) and all similar matters, and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred, and Mr. Smith joined.

A vote to hear the petition of the inhabitants of Effingham, &c. relative to a road, &c. on the second Wednesday of their next session, was brought up, read and concurred.

Adjourned 'till to-morrow, eight o'clock, A. M.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1784.

Present as yesterday.

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to draught a proclamation for a general thanksgiving throughout the State, and lay the same before this House, was brought up, read, concurred, and Mr. Walker and Mr. Gilman were joined.

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to consider of and report on the petition of Elisha Willbore (who says that he lost an horse at the invasion of Royalton, and therefore prays for satisfaction,) was brought up, read, concurred, and Mr. Blood joined.

A vote, that Joseph Pearson, Esq. be, and he hereby is appointed Pay-Master of the Pensioners of this State, was brought up, read and concurred.

* 1 : 25 A vote requiring the Honorable John Tayler * Gilman, Esq. Treasurer, and Capt. Josiah Gilman, to attend the General-Court at Portsmouth, during this session, with necessary papers, to transact business for the public, was brought up, read and concurred with this amendment, that they attend as long as the General-Court shall think necessary, and sent down for concurrence. Brought up concurred.

Adjourned 'till Monday next, three o'clock, P. M.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1784

Met according to adjournment.

PRESENT IN SENATE,

His Excellency Meshech Weare, Esq. *President.*

The Honorable Woodbury Langdon,
John McClary,
Joseph Gilman,
Timothy Walker,
John Langdon,
Ebenezer Smith, and
Francis Blood.
} Esquires, Senators.

A vote for both Houses to meet in committee to-morrow morning, to take under consideration the matters contained in his Excellency's Message to the General Court, was brought up read and concurred.

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to consider of the accompt of Richard Hart, Thomas Martin, John Pierce, Joseph Pierce, Jonathan Warner and Mark H. Wentworth, Esquires,

and report thereon, was brought up, read, concurred, Mr. Blood, Mr. McClary and Mr Walker were joined.

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to consider of the petition of Joseph Taylor, and report thereon was brought up, read, concurred, and Mr. Smith joined.

A petition of the inhabitants of Charlestown, in the county of Cheshire, praying to be erected into a poll parish, agreeably to a vote of said town, with a vote thereon, that the petitioners should be heard on said petition, on the second * Wednesday of * 1 : 26 next session, and that in the mean time they serve the Selectmen of said Charlestown with a copy of their petition and order of Court thereon, was brought up, read and concurred.

Adjourned 'till to-morrow, nine o'clock, A. M.

TUESDAY, October 26, 1784.

Met according to adjournment.

Present as yesterday; — also, the Honorable John Wentworth attended.

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to take under consideration a resolve of the General-Court, passed June 15, 1784, and report thereon, was brought up, read, concurred, and Mr. Gilman and Mr. Wentworth joined.

A petition of Jonathan Chase, to have the title of certain land in Cornish, (of which he had lost the deed) confirmed to him, was brought up with a vote thereon, giving the petitioner a hearing thereon before the General Assembly, on the second Wednesday of next session, was brought up, read and concurred.

Sundry petitions from towns on Connecticut River, praying for an abatement of their taxes, &c. in consideration of services, was brought up with votes thereon, that the petitioners should be heard before a committee of the house, joined by a committee of the Senate. Accordingly said votes being read, Mr. Langdon, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Blood were joined.

A petition of Thomas Kemp and Nathan Wesson, late lieutenants in a regiment of artillery, in the continental service, praying for an allowance for their * services, with a vote for a com- * 1 : 27 mittee to be joined by a committee of the Senate to report thereon, was brought up, read, concurred, Mr. Gilman and Mr. Walker were joined.

Upon reading a representation of Joseph Gilman, Esq. in behalf of the committee appointed by this State to settle accompts with Stephen Gorham, Esq. Commissioner of the United States, setting

forth, that said Commissioner thinks himself not authorized to credit this state with the additional wages, or bounties paid to General Stark's brigade, in 1777, pay allowed to volunteers to Rhode-Island, in the year 1778 for horses, interest charged on depreciation, paid the continental troops in the years 1777 and 1778: —

Voted, That his Excellency the President be desired to lay the matter before the Congress of the United States, and request that said Commissioner should be instructed to allow said charges to this State, which vote was sent down for concurrence by Col. Smith, and brought up concurred.

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to consider of the memorial of the Rev. Mr. Evans, and report thereon, was brought up, read, concurred and Mr. John Langdon and Mr. Wentworth were joined.

A vote that John Simpson, a wounded soldier, receive half-
* 1 : 28 pay * until further order of the General-Court, was brought up, read and concurred.

Adjourned 'till to-morrow, nine o'clock, A. M.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1784.

Met according to adjournment.

A petition of the inhabitants of the town of Washington, praying for leave to assess unimproved lands in said town, to enable them to repair their highways, was brought up, with a vote for the petitioners to be heard thereon before the General-Court, on the second Wednesday of next session, read and concurred.

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to consider of the ration-roll of Sergeant James Blake's scouting party for the year 1782, and report thereon, was brought up, read, concurred, and Mr. Gilman joined.

A vote to postpone the further consideration of the petition of Joshua Lamkin and John Holbrook, was brought up, read and concurred.

A petition of the inhabitants of Seabrook, praying for some alteration in the charter of said parish, was brought up, with a vote there-
on, that the petitioners be heard before the General-Court
* 1 : 29 on Tuesday next, and that in the mean time, the * substance of said petition be posted up at each of the meeting-houses in said parish, which was read and concurred.

A vote for Lieutenant Jonathan Emerson to be paid depreciation as other officers of his rank, until he was discharged from the service, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to consider of the petition of John Hale, Esq. and report thereon, was brought up, read, concurred, and Mr. Wentworth joined.

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to report what method they shall think proper to be taken to do justice to those persons who are possessed of notes issued by this State in the year 1775, was brought up, read, concurred, and Mr. McClary and Mr. Langdon were joined.

A vote to allow John Colburn depreciation of wages as other soldiers, while in service, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote for Archibald McMillan to receive ten shillings per month, from June 10th, 1783, 'till further order of the General Court, in consequence of his suffering by a wound received at Bunker-Hill, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote to pay the accompt of Elijah Blodgett, which he expended to get cured of a wound received on the Western frontiers, amounting to eighteen pounds, twelve shillings, was brought up, read and concurred.

*A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, * 1 : 30
to consider what method shall be taken respecting the forwarding delegates to Congress, and report thereon, was brought up, read, concurred, Mr. Woodbury Langdon and Mr. McClary were joined.

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to consider what is most convenient to be done respecting the sending precepts to districts in this State unrepresented, was brought up, read, concurred, Mr. Walker and Mr. John Langdon were joined.

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to report what amendments and alterations are necessary to be made in the laws relative to proprietary matters, was brought up, read, concurred, Mr. Wentworth, Mr. Woodbury Langdon and Mr. Smith were joined.

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to consider of the petition of Abraham Perkins, Esq. and Thomas Stow Ranney, and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote to allow Sarah Little, wife of Francis Little, late of Portsmouth, an absentee, to bring in a bill to enable her to sell a
house and land, belonging to her * said husband, to pay his * 1 : 31
debts and support her family, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote to grant the prayer of the petition of Elijah Allis, and giving him leave to prosecute an action formerly commenced against one Tyxhall Cleaveland, in the county of Cheshire, (in which action he was non-suited by mistake) was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to con-

sider of the propriety of an alteration in the several regiments of militia in this State, and report thereon, was brought up, read, concurred, and Mr. Walker, Mr. Smith, and Mr. McClary were joined.

Adjourned 'till to-morrow, nine o'clock, A. M.

THURSDAY, October 28, 1784.

Met according to adjournment.
Present as yesterday.

A Petition of the trustees of Dartmouth college, praying for leave to carry on a lottery, to raise three hundred pounds clear, to assist in erecting a new edifice for the use of the said college, was brought up, with a vote thereon, granting the prayer of said petition, and giving leave for a bill to be brought in for that purpose, which was read and concurred.

* 1 : 32 * A vote on the petition of Edward Dimpsey, regulating sundry matters relative to confiscated estates, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote to pay the accompt of Nicholas Nicolle, for sundry services for the State, amounting to five pounds, eighteen shillings and two pence, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote, on the petition of a number of the inhabitants of Lyndeborough, who prayed to have a parish erected out of part of said Lyndeborough, and part of Peterborough, that Timothy Walker, Esq. Deacon Ephraim Adams, and Captain Daniel Emerson, be a committee to view the premises, and make report to the General Court, was brought up, read and concurred.

A petition of Josiah Sanborn, representing that he had suffered a loss by depreciation of the paper bills, in having a note renewed at the Treasury Office, for money lent the State, and praying redress, was brought up with a vote granting the prayer of his petition, which was read and concurred.

A vote to put off the hearing of the petition of Richard Cutts Shannon from yesterday to this day, was brought up, read and concurred.

* 1 : 33 * A vote to hear the petition of George Place on Thursday next, before the General Court, and that in the mean time, he cause the selectmen of Rochester to be served with a copy of his said petition and order of Court, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote to hear the petition of Paul Harford on Thursday next before the General Court, and that in the mean time he cause the selectmen of Rochester to be served with a copy of said petition and order of Court, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote to grant the prayer of the petition of Major Jonathan Child, and give him leave to bring in a bill to vacate a judgment of the Superior Court against him in favour of Col. Jonathan Moulton, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote for the Reverend Israel Evans, late chaplain to the New-Hampshire brigade, to be paid depreciation of wages, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote to pay Noah Worcester, Esq. forty-eight shillings and eleven pence, the balance of his account for services done the State, was brought up, read and concurred.

* A vote for paying the Lieutenants Thomas Kemp and Nathan Wesson, of the Artificers in the Continental Army, and Ephraim Blood and William Blood, soldiers in said company, the depreciation of their wages, they having been reckoned to the quota of this State, was brought up, read and concurred. * 1 : 34

A vote to grant the prayer of the petition of Samuel Connor, under certain restrictions, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote to grant the prayer of the petition of Hezekiah Wilkins, and giving him leave to bring in a bill to restore him to his law in an action commenced against him by one Ebenezer Champney, was brought up, read and concurred.

Adjourned 'till to-morrow, nine o'clock, A. M.

FRIDAY, October 29, 1784.

Met according to adjournment.
Present as yesterday.

A vote to pay the Accompt of George Long, for time and expences at Halifax, in business of the State, amounting to seventeen pounds, four shillings and ninepence, halfpenny, was brought, up read and concurred.

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to draught and lay before the General-Court all public bills ordered to be brought in this * session, was brought up, read, concurred, and Mr. Wentworth joined. * 1 : 35

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to revise the impost act, and prepare a bill, and lay the same before the Court, was brought up, read, concurred, Mr. J. Langdon and Mr. Wentworth were joined.

A vote for paying the ration-roll of Serjeant James Blake, amounting to twelve pounds each man, being twelve in number, on their producing a certificate from Captain Jeremiah Eames that they have not received it of him, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to con-

sider of the petition of Pelham, and other petitions of a similar nature, was brought up, read, concurred, Mr. Walker and Mr. Blood were joined.

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to consider of the petition of Ephraim Hildreth and John Robinson, and report thereon, was brought up, read, concurred and Mr. McClary joined.

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to consider of the petition of William Badger and Abigail Badger,
* 1 : 36 and all similar * matters, and report thereon, was brought up, read, concurred. Mr. W. Langdon and Mr. McClary were joined.

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to consider of the petition of Jonas Minot, in behalf of Daniel Davis, and report thereon, was brought up, read, concurred, and Mr. W. Langdon and Mr. McClary were joined.

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to consider of the accompt of Doctor Hall Jackson and Doctor John Jackson, was brought up, read, concurred, and Mr. J. Langdon and Mr. Gilman were joined.

Adjourned 'till to-morrow, nine o'clock, A. M.

SATURDAY, October 30, 1784.

Met according to adjournment.
Present as yesterday.

A vote to accept a report of the committee on the petition of Doctor John Hale, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote on the petition of Abraham Perkins, &c. giving him leave to bring in a bill to enable him to collect sundry taxes in Epping, unpaid to Daniel Gordon, deceased, late constable of said Epping, was brought up, read and concurred.

* 1 : 37 * A resolve to confirm the annual meeting of the inhabitants of the Gore, (so called) in the County of Strafford, held in March last, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to consider of the memorial of the Rev. Jeremy Belknap, and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred, and Mr. J. Langdon and Mr. Walker were joined.

A vote to pay Lieutenant James Gould, of Hanover, eighteen pounds, fourteen shillings and eight pence, for so much deducted by mistake from his half-pay, as a wounded officer, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to nominate managers for Dartmouth college lottery, was brought up, read, concurred, and Mr. W. Langdon and Mr. Gilman were joined.

A vote to put off the hearing of the petition of Jeremiah Tibbetts until Wednesday next, was brought up, read and concurred.

The petition of Benjamin Bellows, Esq. and others, guardians of the children of Philip Eastman, late of Walpole, deceased, praying for leave to sell the real estate of said deceased, for the benefit of their * wards, was brought up, with a vote, for an * 1 : 38 hearing thereon, before the General Court, on the second Thursday of next session, which was read and concurred.

Adjourned 'till Monday next, three o'clock, P. M.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1784.

Met according to adjournment.
Present as on Saturday last.

A Resolve of the General Court, allowing depreciation to those soldiers who served two years, or for any term of time less than three years in the army, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote to allow Lieutenant Moses Belding the depreciation of his wages, &c, as was allowed to other officers of his rank, until the first day of September 1778, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote to request his Excellency the President, with advice of Council, to issue a proclamation, appointing Thursday, the second day of December next, to be observed as a day of public thanksgiving, was brought up, read and concurred.

* A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, * 1 : 39 to consider of the petition of Zebulon Crane, and all others of a similar nature, was brought up, read and concurred, Mr. W. Langdon and Mr. Walker were joined.

Adjourned 'till to-morrow, nine o'clock, A. M.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1784.

Met according to adjournment.
Present as yesterday.

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to consider of the petition of Elisha Payne, jun. and others, praying that an highway may be laid out from Dartmouth college to Boscawen in this State, was brought up, read and concurred with this amendment, that said committee make report on any similar matter they judge necessary. Mr. Walker and Mr. Smith were joined ; which was sent down for concurrence.

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to consider of the petition of Sarah Chapin and Justus Chapin, (praying for leave to sell land belonging to minors) was brought up, read and concurred, and Mr. Wentworth joined.

* 1 : 40 * A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to consider of what business is yet necessary to be done this session, was brought up, read and concurred, Mr. W. Langdon and Mr. Walker were joined.

A resolve regulating sundry matters in the business of the Naval-Office, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote to grant the prayer of the petition of Richard Cutts Shannon, and giving him leave to bring in a bill accordingly, was brought up, read and non-concurred.

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to consider of a letter presented to the General Court by John Sullivan, Esq. relative to his pay as a delegate to Congress, was brought up, read and concurred, and Mr. Wentworth and Mr. Blood were joined.

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to consider of the accompt of Colonel Supply Clapp, and report thereon was brought up, read and concurred. Mr. Gilman and Mr. W. Langdon were joined.

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate,
* 1 : 41 to prepare a resolve to carry into effect,* a report of a committee respecting a settlement with those soldiers who served in the Continental army for any term short of three years, and lay the same before the Court, was brought up, read and concurred. Mr. Gilman and Mr. J. Langdon were joined.

A vote appointing Pierse Long, Esq. a delegate to represent this State in Congress, in the room of John Langdon, Esq. who has declined accepting that office, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote to put off the hearing of the petition of Levi Harvey, and other inhabitants of New-London, until the second Thursday of next session, was brought up, read and concurred.

Adjourned 'till to-morrow, nine o'clock, A. M.

WEDNESDAY, November 3, 1784.

Met according to adjournment.
Present as yesterday.

An Act in addition to an act, entitled "an act to enable George Kezar to review an action of entry on disseizin against Rich-
* 1 : 42 ard Malony," having been read * a third time, it was voted that the same be enacted.

An act to enable Sarah Little to sell a certain house and land thereto belonging, situate in Portsmouth, having been read a third time, it was voted, that the same be enacted.

An act to vest the exclusive right of keeping a ferry over a certain part of Connecticut river, in Benjamin Sumner, of Claremont, in the County of Cheshire, his heirs and assigns, having been read a third time, it was voted, that the same be enacted.

An act to vest the sole and exclusive right and privilege of keeping a ferry over a certain part of Connecticut river, in Oliver Ashley, of Claremont, in the County of Cheshire, his heirs and assigns, having been read a third time, it was voted, that the same be enacted.

A vote to pay the accompt of John S. Dearborn, amounting to fifty-four shillings: also the accompt of John Gross, amounting to fifty-four shillings, for their services in attending the Superior Court as State witnesses, was brought up, read and concurred.

*A vote for all precepts that issue to the town called Gunthwaite, shall be directed to Gunthwaite alias Concord, was brought up, read and concurred. * 1 : 43

A vote appointing Samuel Livermore, Esq. one of the delegates to represent this State in Congress, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote appointing Elisha Payne, Esq. one of the delegates to represent this State in Congress, was brought up, read and concurred.†

A vote appointing a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to consider of the propriety of directing the Loan-Officer in this State to issue certificates for the interest on Loan-Office certificates, agreeably to resolves of Congress, &c. was brought up, read and concurred, and Mr. J. Langdon and Mr. Walker were joined.

The petition of the inhabitants of a place called Ossipee-Gore, praying for leave to bring in a bill to incorporate said place, was brought up, with a vote granting the petitioners an hearing on said petition on the first Friday of next session, which was read and concurred.

An act for granting liberty to set up and carry on a lottery to raise money, for the purpose of erecting an edifice in the township of Hanover, for the use and benefit of Dartmouth college, was read a third time, and voted that the same be enacted.

A vote to allow the soldier, who over and above doing his duty as a soldier, shall take proper * care of the light-house at New-Castle, forty shillings per month, besides his wages as a soldier, was brought up, read and concurred. * 1 : 44

† Letter of Acceptance, Ham. State Papers, xviii. 741.

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to consider of the petition of R. Freeman, in behalf of the town of Hanover, relative to the taxes of said town, was brought up, read and concurred, and Mr. Walker and Mr. Blood were joined.

A vote to pay the rolls of Meshech Bell, commander of the troops stationed at New-Castle, one amounting to fifty-one pounds, twelve shillings, and the other to seventy-two pounds, was brought up, read and concurred.

Adjourned 'till to-morrow, nine o'clock, A. M.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1784.

Met according to adjournment.
Present as yesterday.

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to take under consideration the requisition of Congress, of the 18th of April, 1783, respecting this State's quota of the one million and five hundred dollars, and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred, and Mr. Gilman and Mr. J. Langdon were joined.

A vote to grant the prayer of the petition of Jeremiah Tibbets, and giving him leave to bring in a bill accordingly was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote to accept the report of the committee for a device and inscription for a public seal for this State, viz. a field encompassed with* laurels, round the field in capital letters, SIGILLUM REIPUBLICAE NEO HANTONIENSIS, 1784. on the field a rising sun, and a ship on the stocks with American banners displayed; and that said seal be two inches in diameter, was brought up, read and concurred.

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A vote that Ephraim Hildreth and John Robinson each have and receive out of the treasury, a State note for five pounds, with interest from the fifth of April, 1782, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote, that the accompt of Moses Woodward, commissary of prisoners, be referred to the committee on Col. Supply Clapp's accompt, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to consider at what time, and to what time and place, the General Court shall be adjourned: Also, at what place the General Court shall meet in June next: Also, what pay for travel and attendance the members of court shall receive this session, was brought up, read and concurred, and Mr. Walker, Mr. Smith and Mr. Wentworth were joined.

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to consider what allowance shall be made his Excellency the President, as

a Salary for the current year : Also, what pay the Honorable Council shall receive for their travel and attendance on his Excellency in the recess of the General Court, was brought up, read and concurred.* Mr. J. Langdon, Mr. Gilman and Mr. Smith were * 1 : 46
joined.

An act to divide the town of Apthorp, in the County of Grafton, and State aforesaid, and incorporate the same into two several towns, was read a third time, and voted that the same be enacted.

A vote to hear the petition of sundry inhabitants of Hillsborough, in the County of Hillsborough, on the second Wednesday of next session, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to consider of the accompt of Benjamin Bigelow, and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred, Mr. W. Langdon and Mr. Walker were joined.

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to consider of the accompt of Melcher and Osborne, and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred. Mr. Gilman and Mr. Wentworth were joined.

A vote appointing a committee to consider what methods are best to be taken for the regulation of commerce until said regulations shall be established by Congress, was brought up, read and concurred, and Mr. W. Langdon and Mr. Gilman were joined.

A vote to hear the petitions of Charles Tinden and John Payne, (praying for leave to keep ferries over Connecticut river) on the first Friday of next session, was brought up, read and non-concurred.

Adjourned 'till to-morrow, nine o'clock, A. M.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1784.

* Met according to adjournment. * 1 : 47

Present as yesterday.

A vote granting the prayer of the petition of George Place, and giving him leave to bring in a bill, was brought up, read, and non-concurred.

A vote to allow sundry towns for money paid Major Jonathan Child, as Comissary, &c. was brought up, read and non-concurred.

A vote to hear the petition of Major Jonathan Palmer, on the second Friday of next session, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote on the petition of Gain Armour, was brought up, read and non-concurred.

A vote on the petition of the selectmen of Merrimack (praying to be credited for a certain soldier) to be considered by a committee, was brought up, read, and non-concurred.

A vote to pay the accompt of John Duncan, Esq. for holding a meeting in an un-incorporated town by order of the General Court, amounting to eighteen shillings, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote referring the petition of Joseph Roberts, (who prays for relief on acccount of the loss of his arm in the expedition against Penobscot) to a committee, was brought up, read and concurred, and Mr. Blood was joined.

A vote granting an hearing on the petition of Ebenezer Torrey, was brought up, read and non-concurred.

* 1 : 48 A vote for a committee to join a committee * of the Senate, to consider of the propriety of ordering the Treasurer to issue small certificates for paying soldier's ballances, was brought up, read and concurred. Mr. Gilman and Mr. Walker were joined.

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to consider of the petition of the town of Raby, and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred, and Mr. Gilman joined.

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to consider of the petition of Capt. Jotham Blanchard, and report thereon was brought up, read and concurred. Mr. W. Langdon and Mr. Walker were joined.

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to consider of the accompt of Elijah Grout, Esq. and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred. Mr. Gilman and Mr. Blood were joined.

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to consider of the petition of Major Jonathan Wentworth, and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred. Mr. Walker and Mr. Smith were joined.

The petition of Mark H. Wentworth, Esq. praying for leave to bring in a bill to enable him to pay the taxes, and take care of the lands in this State, belonging to Messieurs Thomlinson, Trecothick and Apthorp, was brought up with a vote granting the prayer of said petition, which was read and concurred.

* 1 : 49 An act to alter the time of holding the * annual town-meeting in the town of Meredith, was read a third time, and voted that the same be enacted.

An act to invest the United States in Congress assembled, with additional powers for a limited time, was read a third time, and voted that the same be enacted.

The petition of Mary Hart, setting forth, that her children has a small right in the estate of James Clarkson, deceased, which she supposes will be for their interest to be sold, and praying for leave to dispose thereof, was brought up, with a vote giving leave for an hear-

ing thereon, before the General Court, on the first Friday of next session, which was read and concurred.

An act for restoring Jonathan Child to his law, was read a third time, and voted that the same be enacted.

Adjourned 'till to-morrow, nine o'clock, A. M.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1784.

Met according to adjournment.
Present as yesterday.

An Act to annul and make void a certain deed said to be executed by Samuel Connor to Jeremy Connor and others, was read a third time and voted that the same be non-concurred.

A vote, that the General Court, when the business of this session is done, shall adjourn to meet at Concord, on the second Wednesday of February next: That the General Court for the next year shall meet at Portsmouth: That the members of the General Court and their officers, shall receive the same pay for travel and atttendance as was allowed last session, was brought up, read and concurred.

*A vote directing the Secretary and Clerk to make out pay- * 1 : 50
rolls for the travel of the members of Senate and House
of Representatives at this session as soon as may be, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote directing precepts to be issued to the towns and districts in this State for the choice of representatives for the next year, was brought up, read and non-concurred.

The petition of Asa Pratt and others, inhabitants of the State of Vermont, setting forth, that they served as soldiers in Whitcomb's corps of rangers, and praying to be paid for depreciation of wages, was brought up, with a vote referring the same to the consideration of a committee, which was read and concurred, and Mr. Gilman and Mr. McClary were joined to the committee.

An act in addition to an act entitled "an act to authorize the several Judges of Probate within this State, to liquidate the sums paid into the treasury by trustees of confiscated estates, by them appointed to adjust the claims of the creditors against said estates, which have or shall be returned into the treasury-office by commissioners appointed by said judges respectively, and to authorize the President of the Council to give orders for the payment, of such claims accordingly," was read a third time, and voted that the same be enacted.

A vote that Mr. Woodbury Langdon, Mr. Nathaniel Peabody and Mr. John Pickering, be a committee to wait on the rever-
end the ministers, a committee of several associations in* * 1 : 51
the State of New-Hampshire, and present them with an

answer to their address to the legislature, was sent down for concurrence, and brought up concurred.

A resolve, that those soldiers who enlisted, in the years one thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight, and one thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine, to serve in the continental army, in the line of this State, for any term of time less than three years, shall be allowed depreciation, and that their accompts be made up and settled on the same principles as those soldiers who engaged for three years or during the war, were made up and settled, was read and voted, that the same be sent down for concurrence. The aforesaid was brought up concurred.

A vote to enroll Reuben Spencer for half-pay, he having lost the use of one of his legs, while a soldier in the service of this State, was brought up, read and concurred.

Adjourned 'till Monday next, 3 o'clock, P. M.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1784.

Met according to adjournment.
Present as on Saturday last.

The petition of Col. Supply Clapp, in behalf of George Boyd, Esq. praying that the said Boyd may have leave to return from London, to his family in this State, was brought up, with a vote thereon, granting leave for* said Boyd to return to this State, and tarry twelve months, to settle his accompts, &c. which was read and concurred.

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A vote granting the prayer of the petition of Elisha Payne, jun. and others, for laying out a road from Boscawen to Hanover, and giving them leave to bring in a bill accordingly, was brought up, read and concurred.

A resolve for hindering vessels belonging to the subjects of Great Britain from importing into this State, or exporting therefrom, any merchandise from or to the British Settlements in America, until they shall give leave for the subjects of this State to trade in the same manner, was read and voted, and the same was sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned 'till to-morrow, nine o'clock, A. M.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1784.

Met according to adjournment.
Present his Excellency and seven members.

An Act to empower Abraham Perkins, of Epping, to collect certain taxes, was read a third time, and voted that the same be enacted.

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to consider of the allowance necessary to be made his Excellency the President, prior to the taking place of the new constitution, was brought up, read and concurred, and Mr. McClary and Mr. J. Langdon were joined.

A resolve regulating and ascertaining the* manner that the * 1 : 53
Loan-Officer in this State shall pay interest due on Loan-Office certificates, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote to pay the balance (when it is ascertained by the President) of the accompt of Benjamin Bigelow, for beef supplied the troops at Piscataqua harbour, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote enabling the Treasurer to issue certificates for the payment of balances due to soldiers, and for redeeming small notes, not exceeding forty shillings, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote to advance the Honorable Abiel Foster, Esq. one hundred and twenty pounds, to enable him to proceed to Congress, to be accounted for by him, was brought up, read and concurred.

An act in addition to an act, entitled "an act for establishing an equitable method of making rates and taxes, and determining who shall be legal voters in town and parish affairs," passed June the 12th, Anno Domini, one thousand, seven hundred and eighty, was read a third time, and voted that the same be enacted.

An act in addition to an act entitled "an act for making and establishing a new proportion of the public taxes, among the several towns, parishes and places within this State, and to authorize the Treasurer to issue his warrants for levying the same annually," passed April the 17th, one thousand, seven hundred and
eighty-four, having been read a* third time was voted that * 1 : 54
the same be enacted.

An act to enable the inhabitants of the parish of Seabrook, denominated Presbyterians, to call a meeting for transacting their parish and ministerial business, was read a third time and voted that the same be enacted.

A vote allowing the members of council nine shillings per day, when they are called to attend his Excellency the President, in the recess of the General Court, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote desiring his Excellency the President to write to the delegates of this State, at Congress, desiring that they use their utmost endeavors to get a decision of Congress on the decree of the court of appeals respecting the capture of the ship Lusanna, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote to pay the accompt of Doctor Hall Jackson, amounting to forty-eight pounds, for medicine and attendance on soldiers at various times, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote to pay his Excellency the President, two hundred pounds, or his salary for the current year, was brought up, read and concurred.

Adjourned 'till to-morrow, nine o'clock, A. M.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1784.

Met according to adjournment.
Present,
His Excellency Meshech Weare, Esq. and seven members.

* 1 : 55 A vote that the Honorable Pierse Long, Esq.* have and receive out of the treasury, one hundred and twenty pounds, to enable him to proceed to Congress, and for which he is to be accountable, was brought up, read and concurred.

An act in addition to an act, entitled, "an act to authorize and impower the proprietors of any common and undivided lands, to call meetings of their respective proprietors, and to levy and collect such sum or sums of money on the said lands as they may judge necessary; and also to transact all their common and public affairs;" passed the third of July, in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one, having been read a third time, was voted that the same be enacted.

A vote to allow Abigail Clayes, widow of the late Capt. Elijah Clayes (who was killed in the public service) a certain allowance agreeable to a resolve of Congress of the twenty-fourth of August 1780, was brought up, read and concurred.

An act enabling Mark H. Wentworth, Esq. to act as formerly for the heirs and representatives of Trecothick and Thomlinson, of London, under all the various firms that house hath since taken; as also by virtue of a late power received by him from said heirs, &c. dated January, A. D. 1784, signed Samuel Colker, John Trecothick and East Apthorp, administrators, having been read a third time, was voted that the same be enacted.

An act to restore Elisha Allis, of Hatfield, in the county of Hampshire, and commonwealth of Massachusetts, to his law, hav-

* 1 : 56 ing been read a third time, was* voted that the same be non-concurred.

An act to confirm to Jeremiah Tibbetts, the title of certain lands in the county of Strafford, having been read a third time, was voted that the same be enacted.

A vote to hear the petition of Thomas Pinkham, (praying to be restored to his law in two actions prosecuted against him by Margaret Frost) on the first Tuesday of next session, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote on the petition of Roger Enos (praying for the privilege of keeping a ferry) was brought up, read and concurred.

The petition of Sarah Ross, (praying for leave to sell certain land for her subsistence, which is incumbered by an entail) was brought up with a vote to hear the same on the first Tuesday of next session, read and concurred.

A vote granting leave to Major Jonathan Wentworth, to discharge a balance due from him to the State on a bond given for excise, in State notes, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider of the accompt of Robert Gerrish for printing for the State and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred and Mr. W. Langdon and Mr. Walker were joined.

A vote allowing Phebe Colburn, widow of Lt. Col. Andrew Colburn (who was killed in the battle at Saratoga) half pay, &c. agreeable to a resolve of Congress, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote that persons be appointed to receive and examine the accompts of all such towns and individuals in the counties of Cheshire and Grafton, who* pretend to have demands against the State, &c. was brought up, read and non-concurred. *1 : 57

A vote for the accompts of Mark H. Wentworth, and others for sundry charges for the defence of Piscataqua harbour in 1775, to be settled by his Excellency the President and Council, was brought up, read and non-concurred.

An act in addition to an act entitled "an act for establishing a light-house," passed April the ninth, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-four, having been read a third time, was voted that the same be enacted.

A vote to grant the widow of the late Capt. Zechariah Beal, who died in the public service, an allowance agreeable to a resolve of Congress, was brought up, read and concurred.

Adjourned 'till to-morrow, nine o'clock, A. M.

THURSDAY, November 11, 1784.

Met according to adjournment.
Present as yesterday.

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to consider of the accompts of Major Jonathan Child, and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred. Mr. Smith and Mr. Gilman were joined.

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to consider what allowance shall be made the Secretary for his service, prior

to the current year, was brought up, read and concurred. Mr. Walker and Mr. Blood were joined.

* 1 : 58 A vote for a committee to join a committee of * the Senate, to prepare a bill for the better observation of the Lord's-day, and lay the same before the General Court next session, was brought up, read and concurred. Mr. W. Langdon and Mr. Gilman were joined.

A vote to pay the accompt of John Calfe, Esq. amounting to four pounds three shillings and six pence, for recording the journals of the house and copying the same for the press, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote that Supply Clapp, Esq. commissary-general, be and is empowered to sell a quantity of damaged powder at Charlestown, in this State, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote to pay Lt. James Wedgwood the depreciation of wages, &c. while he belonged to the Continental army, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote to settle and regulate the militia throughout the State, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote directing the Treasurer to attend the General Court at their next session, on the second Wednesday of February next, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote to pay Robert Gerrish seventy-five pounds, in full of his accompt for printing, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote to pay the accompt of Melcher and Osborne, amounting to seventy-nine pounds twelve shillings, for printing, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to consider of the manner in which the excise shall be sold for the
* 1 : 59 year ensuing, and * by whom, was brought up, read and concurred. Mr. Walker and Mr. Smith were joined.

A vote for paying Ebenezer Thompson, Esq. twenty pounds in full for his service as Secretary, prior to the present constitution, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote to pay Col. Supply Clapp his accompt for monies advanced and service as comissary of prisoners, amounting to five hundred and ninety-five pounds four shillings, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote to pay the account of Capt. Josiah Gilman amounting to six pounds eleven shillings, was brought up, read and concurred.

An act in addition to an act entitled "an act for the equal distribution of insolvent estates," having been read a third time, was voted that the same be enacted.

An act for laying out a public road to Dartmouth College, was read a third time and voted that the same be enacted.

A vote to pay the accompt of John Williams, amounting to four pounds as door-keeper to the General Court, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote appointing Nathaniel Peabody, Joseph Gilman and Thomas Odiorne, Esq'rs, a committee for the County of Rockingham; John Wentworth, Jonathan Wentworth and Caleb Hodgdon, Esq'rs, a committee for the County of Strafford; Francis Blood, Robert Means and Moses Nichols, Esq'rs, a committee for the county * of Hillsborough; Simeon Olcott, Elijah Grout and * 1 : 60 Samuel Hunt, Esq'rs, a committee for the county of Cheshire; Timothy Bedel, Charles Johnston and Moses Dow, Esq'rs for the county of Grafton, to make sale of the excise in the several counties of this State for the current year, agreeably to the laws of the State, the one half to be sold for cash, the other half for orders on the Treasurer for cash, and that the said excise be sold before the first day of February next, was brought up, read and concurred.

JOURNAL

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONTAINING THE

PROCEEDINGS FROM OCT. 20 TO NOV. 11, 1784.

A JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HON.BL HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

OF THE

STATE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE,

At their second Session under the New Constitution, begun & holden at Portsmouth, on the third Wednesday in October, being the Twentieth day of said month, Anno Dom, One thousand seven hundred and eighty-four, and in the ninth year of the Independence of America.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1784.

Sundry Members met according to adjournment; but there not being a quorum to transact business, adjourned to nine o'clock tomorrow morning.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1784.

The House met according to adjournment.

Voted, That Col. Peabody, Mr. Jewett, Gen. Badger, Mr. Duncan, Major Whitcomb, Major Baker and Mr. Adams, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to take under consideration the several matters contained in his Excellency's message this day received, and report thereon.

Sent up by Mr. Scribner.

Adjourned to three o'clock, P. M.

Met accordingly.

Voted, That Capt. Pickering, Dr. Brackett, Mr. Betton, Col. Runnels, and Col. Hill, with such of the honorable Senate as may be

joined, be a committee to consider of the petition of John Simpson, and of all petitions of sick and wounded officers and soldiers, and report thereon. Sent up by Mr. Wallace.

Voted, That the hearing on the petition of Jeremiah Tibbetts, which was to have been before the General-Court to-morrow, be postponed to Friday the twenty-ninth of October current, pursuant to the request of the Council for both parties; and all persons concerned, are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Sent up by Capt. Foss.

* 12 : 611 * Upon reading and considering the petition of Samuel Connor,

Voted, That the petitioner be heard thereon, before the General-Court, on Thursday next; and that in the mean time, the petitioner cause that Jeremiah Connor, Joseph Connor, Eliphalet Connor, Maria Dudley, and Sarah Elliott, be served each with a copy of the petition, and order of Court thereon, that they or either of them may then appear and shew cause (if any they have) why the prayer thereof may not be granted. Sent up by Mr. Young.

Upon reading and considering the petition of Edwards Bucknam,[1]

Voted, That the petitioner be heard thereon, before the General-Court, on the second Wednesday of their next session; and that in the mean time the petitioner cause that Jeremiah Eames, Esq. and the owner or owners of the land on the easterly side of the river, at the place petitioned for, be served with a copy of the petition, and order of Court thereon, at least three weeks before the time of hearing, that he or they may then appear and show cause (if any they have) why the prayer thereof may not be granted.

Sent up by Mr. Young.

Voted, That Mr. Jewett, Col. Toppan, and Col. Bartlett, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to consider of the petition of Isaac Tucker, and all similar matters, and report thereon. Sent up by Mr. Young.

Upon reading and considering the petition of David Danforth, and others, inhabitants of Washington, praying that the unimproved lands in said town, may be taxed for repairing highways,

Voted, That the petitioners be heard thereon, before the General-Court on the second Wednesday of their next session; and that in the mean time the petitioners cause that the substance of
* 12:612 the petition, and order of Court thereon,* be published three weeks successively in the New Hampshire Gazette, that any person or persons may then appear and shew cause (if any they have) why the prayer thereof may not be granted.

Sent up by Capt. Copeland.

1. xii. Ham. Town Papers, 353.

Voted, That Capt. Spaulding, Mr. McMurphy and Capt. Copp, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to consider of the petition of Samuel Lowell,[1] and report thereon.

Sent up by Capt. Copeland.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1784.

The House met according to adjournment.

Voted, That the hearing on the petition of Major Jonathan Child, which was to have been this day before the General-Court, be postponed until Wednesday next; of which all concerned are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly. Sent up by Major Child.

Voted, That Mr. Betton, Gen. Badger, and Mr. Jenness, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to consider of the petition of Edward Dimpsey, and all similar matters, and report thereon. Sent up by Col. Richardson.

Upon reading and considering the petition of Thomas Parsons, Esq. and others, praying that the Masonian proprietors may be called upon to make and repair a passable road through Ossipee Gore,

Voted, That the petitioners be heard thereon, before the General-Court, on the second Wednesday of their next session; and that in the mean time the petitioners cause that the substance of the petition, and order of court thereon, be published three weeks successively in the New Hampshire Gazette, that any person or persons may then appear and shew cause (if any they have) why the prayer thereof may not be granted.

Sent up by Col. Leavitt.

* *Voted*, That Col. Bartlett, Mr. Adams, and Col. Runnels, with such of the honorable Board as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Lieut. Moses Belding, and all similar matters, and report thereon. * 12 : 613

Sent up by Major Whitcomb.

Voted, That Col. Peabody, Mr. Betton, Mr. Duncan, Col. Runnels and Mr. Wallace, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to take under consideration and report what they may judge necessary to be done respecting horse-thieves, and for the encouragement of those persons who may prosecute therefor: Also, for the encouragement of those who may prosecute persons concerned in forgeries of any kind, &c. Sent up by Col. Tash.

Adjourned to three o'clock, P. M.

Met accordingly:

Voted, That Col. Toppan, Mr. Pickering, Col. Peabody, Major Gains, and Gen. Badger, with such of the honorable Senate as may

1. xiii. Ham. Town Papers, 629.

be joined, be a committee to consider of the propriety of passing an act in addition to an act, entitled an act for the equal distribution of insolvent estates, and report thereon. Sent up by Mr. Wilbore.

Voted, That Major Gains, Mr. Jenness, and Capt. Fogg, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to consider of the petition of Major Jonathan Child, in behalf of Lieut. James Gould, and report thereon. Sent up by Capt. Young.

Voted, That Col. Toppan, Gen. Badger, Mr. Mann, Mr. Chase, and Col. Bedel, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to consider of the petition of the selectmen of Conway, and all similar matters, and report thereon.

Sent up by Capt. Young.

* 12 : 614 * *Voted*, That the hearing on the petition of James Robertson, which was to have been this day, before the General-Court, be postponed to the second Wednesday of their next session ; of which all persons concerned are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly. Sent up by Capt. Young.

Voted, That Col. Peabody, and Col. Toppan, be added to the committee on John Simpson's petition ; and on all petitions of sick and and wounded officers and soldiers. Sent up by Mr. Jenness.

The following vote came down from the honorable Senate for concurrence :

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

In Senate, October 22, 1784.

Voted, That the Hon. Timothy Walker, and the Hon. Woodbury Langdon, with such of the honorable House of Representatives as they may join, be a committee to draft an answer to the address of the ministers of the congregational churches, members of several associations in the State of New-Hampshire, presented to his Excellency the President of said State, and the General-Court, by a committee of several associations in said State.

Sent down for concurrence. Joseph Pearson, Deputy-Secretary.

Which vote was read and concurred, and Mr. Knowles, Mr. Adams and Mr. Smiley, joined.

Returned by Col. Tash.

Upon reading and considering the petition of Jonathan Chase, Esq.

Voted, That the petitioner be heard thereon, before the General-Court, on the second Thursday of their next session ; and that in the mean time, the petitioner cause that Dr. Clement March, and Mr. Stephen March, mentioned in said petition, each be served with a

copy thereof, and order of Court thereon, that they, or either of them, may then appear and shew cause (if any they have) why the prayer thereof may not be granted.

Sent up by Col. Bedel.

* *Voted,* That the hearings on the petitions of Joshua Lambkin, and John Holbrook, which were to have been this day before the General-Court be postponed to Wednesday next; of which all persons concerned are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly. * 12 : 615

Sent up by Col. Bedel.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY, October 23, 1784.

The House met according to adjournment.

Voted, That Major Wentworth, Capt. Mann, and Col. Leavitt, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to consider of the petition of Thomas Kemp, and Nathan Wesson, and report thereon.

Sent up by Col. Child.

Voted, That Col. Bartlett, Col. Bedel, and Col. Hill, with such of the honorable Senate as they may join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Joseph Taylor, and report thereon.

Sent up by Col. Child.

Voted, That the Hon. Abiel Foster, Esq. have and receive out of the Treasury, by order of the President, the sum of one hundred and twenty pounds, to enable him to proceed to Congress, and for which he is accountable.

Sent up by Col. Tash.

Voted, That the Hon. John-Taylor Gilman, Esq. Treasurer, and Capt. Josiah Gilman, one of the Committee on Claims, be requested to attend the General-Court at Portsmouth, during this session, with necessary papers to transact business for the public.

Sent up by Capt. Young.

Returned from the Senate for the following amendment: "That they attend as long as the General-Court think necessary." Which amendment was concurred and the vote returned.

Voted, That Joseph Pearson, Esq. be and he hereby is appointed Pay-Master of the pensioners in this State.

Sent up by Capt. Young.

* *Voted,* That the Hon. George Atkinson, George Gains, and John Pickering, Esq'rs. with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a Committee to draught a Proclamation for a general Thanksgiving throughout this State, and lay the same before this House. * 12 : 616

Sent up by Capt. Young.

Voted, That Col. Bartlett, Col. Peabody, Capt Calfe, Mr. R. Wallace, Major Shephard, Major Baker, and Mr. Mann, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to take under

consideration the petition of Thomas Russell, and others, agents for sundry towns in the counties of Cheshire and Grafton; also the petition of John Young, in behalf of sundry towns in said county of Grafton, and report thereon. Sent up by Col. Child.

Voted, That Col. Bedel, Capt. Kendall, and Col. Tash, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to consider of the petition of Elisha Wilbore, and report thereon.

Sent up by Col. Tash.

Adjourned to Monday next, three o'clock, P. M.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1784.

The House met according to adjournment.

Upon reading and considering the petition of General Robert Enos, praying for the privilege of a ferry a-cross the river Connecticut,

Voted, that the petitioner be heard thereon, before the General-Court, on the second Wednesday of their next session; and that in the mean time, the petitioner cause that the Selectmen of Plainfield be served with a copy of the petition, and order of Court thereon, that they may then appear and shew cause (if any they have) why the prayer thereof may not be granted.

Sent up by Capt. Sumner.

* 12 : 617 * Upon reading and considering the petition of William Henry, and others, inhabitants of Charlestown, praying that a poll parish may be erected in said Charlestown,[1]

Voted, that the petitioners be heard thereon, before the General-Court, on the second Wednesday of their next session; and that in the mean time the petitioners cause that the selectmen of Charlestown be served with a copy of the petition, and order of Court thereon, that they may then appear and shew cause (if any they have) why the prayer thereof may not be granted.

Sent up by Mr. Wilbore.

Voted, That Mr. Jewett, Col. Bedel, and Major Whitcomb, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to consider of the petition of Benjamin Heath,[2] and all similar matters, and report thereon. Sent up by Mr. Wilbore.

Voted, That this House resolve themselves into a committee of the whole, in conjunction with the honorable Senate, to-morrow morning, (if they see fit) to take under consideration the matters contained in his Excellency's message, agreeably to the report of a committee from both Houses. Sent up by Mr. Jewett.

Voted, That Col. Peabody, Gen. Badger, Col. Toppan, Col. Hill, and Mr. Adams, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined,

[1] See xi. Ham. Town Papers, 288. [2] xi. Ham. Town Papers, 432–433.

be a committee to consider of the accounts of Richard Hart, Thomas Martin, John Pierce, Joseph Pierce, Jonathan Warner, and Mark H. Wentworth, Esq'rs. and report thereon. Sent up by Major Gains.

Voted, That Mr. Pickering, Gen. Badger, Mr. R. Wallace, Major Whitcomb, and Col. Payne, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to take under consideration a resolve of the General-Court, passed June 15, 1784, and report what alteration they may judge neccessary. Sent up by Major Gains.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, October 26, 1784.

The House met according to adjournment.

* The honorable Senate and House being met in Committee of the whole, agreeably to the vote of yesterday, * 12 : 618
the Hon. John Langdon, Esq. was appointed Chairman, proceeded to consider of the matters contained in his Excellency's message to both Houses. — In the first place took under consideration a resolve of Congress (mentioned in said message) of the 18th of April, 1783, respecting this State's quota of one million five hundred thousand dollars ; and after some conversation on the matter, agreed to postpone the further consideration thereof for the present. — Proceeded to consider the recommendation of Congress respecting the return of Refugees, the restoration of property, &c. and after much conversation thereon, agreed to appoint a sub-committee consisting of nine persons ; and that Mr. J. Pickering, Mr. Duncan, Hon. Woodbury Langdon, Col. Payne, Mr. Blood, Gen. Badger, Col. Peabody, Col. Walker, and Mr. Gilman, be a committee to report what they may judge proper to be done respecting the matter. — Then proceeded to consider of a resolve of Congress of the 30th of April last, respecting commerce, and came to the following vote :

Voted, That an act be passed to invest the United-States in Congress assembled, with full power for a limited time ; and that the remaining part of that paragraph in his Excellency's message, be referred to a committee chosen by the two Houses in their separate branches. The committee then rose with leave to sit again, and the Speaker resumed the chair.

Adjourned to three o'clock, P. M.

Met accordingly.

The committee on sick and wounded officers and soldiers, reported as their opinion that John Simpson, is entitled to half pay from the time his first three years half pay ceased ; and his pay be
made up by the officer appointed for that * purpose, until * 12 : 619
further order of Court, in the usual manner.

Signed, Joseph Gilman, for the committee.

Which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Col. Peabody.

Voted, That Mr. Adams, Mr. J. Pickering, and Major Gains, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to consider of the memorial of the Rev. Mr. Evans, and report thereon.

Sent up by Col. Peabody.

Upon reading and considering the petition from Dartmouth-College, praying for the liberty of a Lottery for raising three thousand pounds, clear, for the purpose of erecting proper buildings, &c.

Motion was made for granting the prayer of said petition ; and the yeas and nays being called for, were as follows :

YEAS.	YEAS.	YEAS.
Geo. Atkinson, Esq.,	Mr. Chase,	Mr. Cragin,
Major Gains,	Mr. Powers,	Mr. Duncan,
Mr. Pickering,	Major Baker,	Mr. Pettingill,
Capt. Underhill,	Mr. Ayers,	Mr. Grout,
Mr. Jenness,	Mr. Child,	Major Shephard.
Col. Toppan,	Mr. Young,	Major Whitcomb,
Capt. Leavitt,	Mr. Betton,	Mr. Smiley,
Mr. Merrill,	Mr. Brackett,	Mr. Willard,
Capt. Eastman,	Major Wentworth,	Mr. Wilbore,
Capt. Morrill,	Mr. Knowles,	Mr. Sumner,
Capt. Fogg,	Capt. Foss,	Mr. Morss,
Mr. Eastman,	Mr. Sanborn,	Mr. Kendall,
Major Cram,	Col. Richardson,	Mr. Huse,
Col. Emerson,	Col. Tash,	Mr. Freeman,
Mr. Scribner,	Col. Page,	Col. Bedel,
Mr. Clough,	Mr. McGregore,	Col. Runnels,
Mr. Butler,	Capt. Emerson,	Col. Hill.
Capt. Calfe,	Mr. Mann,	
Mr. Smith,	Mr. Adams,	

NAYS.	NAYS.	NAYS.
Mr. Jewett,	Gen. Badger,	Capt. Spaulding,
Mr. McMurphy,	Mr. Beede,	Mr. Wallace,
Col. Leavitt,	Capt. Copp,	Mr. Dow,
Mr. Shaw,	Capt. Marsh,	Mr. Greeley,
Col. Bartlett,	Capt. French,	Mr. Storey,
Mr. Daniels,	Mr. Martin,	Mr. Copeland,
Col. Peabody,	Capt. Putnam,	Capt. Pickering.

Fifty-five YEAS. —— *Twenty-one* NAYS.

* So that the motion prevailed for granting the prayer of said petition ; and the petitioner hath leave to bring in a bill accordingly. * 12 : 620

Sent up by Capt. Pickering.

The following vote was sent down for concurrence :

In SENATE, October 26, 1784.

Upon reading a representation of Joseph Gilman, Esq. in behalf of the committee appointed by this State to settle public accounts with Stephen Gorham, Esq. Commissioner of the United-States, setting forth that said Commissioner thinks himself not authorized to credit this State with the additional wages or bounties paid to General Stark's brigade in 1777 ; pay allowed to volunteers to Rhode-Island, in the year 1778, for their horses ; interest charged on depreciation paid the Continental troops in the years 1777 and 1778 ;

Voted, That his Excellency the President be desired to lay the matter before the Congress of the United-States, and request that said Commissioner should be instructed to allow said charges to this State.

Sent down for concurrence.

E. Thompson, Secretary.

The same day read and concurred, and returned by Major Whitcomb.

Voted, that Col. Toppan, Gen. Badger, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Chase, and Col. Bedel, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to consider of what is most convenient to be done respecting sending precepts to the several districts in this State, that are now destitute of representation : Also, to report what they judge necessary to be done respecting issuing precepts annually for the choice of Representatives.

Sent up by Capt. Foss.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

* 12 : 621 * WEDNESDAY, October 27, 1784.

The House met according to adjournment.

Voted, That Mr. Smith, Col. Toppan, and Col. Peabody, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to consider and report what they think proper to be done with the notes issued by this State, in the year 1775 ; and that are now in the hands of individuals.

Sent up by Capt. Foss.

The committee on sick and wounded &c. reported, as their opinion, that John Colburn, a serjeant in Capt. House's company, who was furloughed by Gen. Poor, at Valley-Forge, February 9, 1778 ; and who, from the evidence now laid before the committee, was by extreme sickness, unable to rejoin his regiment until the term for which he

enlisted was expired, ought to be made up in the books for his depreciation, notwithstanding his having been returned as a deserter.

Signed, J. Gilman, for committee.

Which report having been read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted. Sent up by Capt. Foss.

The committee on sick and wounded &c. having considered the petition of Archibald McMillan, wounded at Bunker-Hill, in the year 1775, are of opinion that he should receive ten shillings per month, from June 10, 1783, 'till further order of Court.

Signed, J. Gilman, for the committee.

Which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted. Sent up by Capt. Foss.

The committee on sick and wounded, &c., on considering the petition of Elijah Blodget, wounded on the western frontiers, reported as their opinion that the said Blodget, be allowed eighteen pounds twelve shillings, in full for his account.

Signed, J. Gilman, for the committee.

Which report being read and considered,

Voted, that it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Capt. Foss.

* 12 : 622 * *Voted*, That Col. Bartlett, Col. Peabody, and Col. Toppan, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to consider what method shall be taken respecting forwarding delegates to Congress, and report thereon.

Sent up by Mr. Adams.

Voted, That Col. Hill, Mr. J. Pickering, and Capt. Leavitt, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to consider of the petition of Abraham Perkins, Esq. and Thomas-Stow Ranney, and report thereon. Sent up by Major Gains.

Voted, That Col. Bartlett, Capt. Calfe, Capt. Foss, Mr. Means, and Capt. Marsh, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to consider of the petition of John Hale, Esq. and report thereon. Sent up by Col. Runnels.

Voted, That Mr. Pickering, Col. Toppan, Major Gains, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Jewett, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to consider of and report what amendment they think necessary to be made in the laws respecting proprietary matters ; also, in the last proportion act, and the act for establishing an equitable method of making rates and taxes, &c.

Sent up by Col. Tash.

Upon hearing and considering the petition of Sarah Little,

Voted, That the prayer thereof be granted, and that the petitioner have leave to bring in a bill accordingly.

Sent up by Col. Tash and Capt. Calfe.

Upon hearing and considering the petition of Elisha Ellis,

Voted, That the prayer thereof be granted, and that the petitioner have leave to bring in a bill accordingly.

Sent up by Col. Tash and Capt. Calfe.

* Upon hearing and considering the petitions of Joshua Lambkin, and John Holbrook, * 12 : 623

Voted, that the further consideration thereof be postponed.

Sent up by Col. Tash and Capt. Calfe.

Voted, that Col. Runnels, Col. Payne, and Col. Hill, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to consider of a ration roll of Serjeant James Blake's scouting-party in the year 1782, and report thereon. Sent up by Capt. Young.

Upon reading and considering the petition of Edmund Noyes, and others, inhabitants of Seabrook,

Voted, that the petitioners be heard thereon, before the General-Court, on Tuesday next; and that the petitioners cause that the substance of the petition, and order of Court thereon, be posted up at the door of each meeting-house in said Seabrook, on Sunday next, that any person or persons may appear, and shew cause (if any they have) why the prayer thereof may not be granted.

Sent up by Mr. Jenness.

Voted, That Col. Peabody, Col. Leavitt, Gen. Badger, Mr. Smith, Mr. McGregore, Capt. Putnam, Major Whitcomb, Mr. Chase, Major Baker, and Mr. Young, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to consider of the propriety of an alteration in the several regiments of this State, and report what number they judge necessary, with the limits or number of towns each regiment shall contain. Sent up by Major Whitcomb.

Adjourned to three o'clock, P. M.

Met accordingly.

The committee on Moses Belding's petition and all similar matters, having considered the petition of Lieut. Jonathan Emerson, reported as their opinion, that the said Lieut. Jonathan Emerson, be made up the depreciation of his wages as other officers of his rank, until he was deranged. Signed, Ebenezer Smith, for the committee.

Which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Mr. Jewett.

* Upon reading and considering the petition of Josiah Sanborn, * 12 : 624

Voted, That the prayer thereof be granted, and that the Treasurer be directed to receive the note last mentioned in said petition, and

issue a new note equal to the value of the money when it was put into the Treasury, and certificates for the interest due thereon in common form. Sent up by Mr. Jewett.

Upon reading and considering the petition of George Place,

Voted, That the petitioner be heard thereon before the General-Court on Thursday next; and that the petitioner cause that the selectmen of Rochester, be served with a copy of the petition and order of Court thereon, as soon as may be, that they may then appear and shew cause (if any they have) why the prayer thereof may not be granted. Sent up by Mr. Jewett.

Upon reading and considering the petition of Paul Harford,

Voted, That the petitioner be heard thereon before the General-Court, on Thursday next; and that the petitioner cause that the selectmen of Rochester, be served with a copy of the petition and order of Court thereon, as soon as may be, that they may then appear and shew cause (if any they have) why the prayer thereof may not be granted. Sent up by Mr. Jewett.

Upon hearing and considering the petition of Amos Whittemore,[1] and others,

Voted, That a committee be appointed, consisting of three persons, and that the Hon. Timothy Walker, Esq. Mr. Ephraim Adams, and Capt. Daniel Emerson, be the committee, (at the expence of the petitioners) to view the situation of said petitioners; also, the situation of the towns of Lyndeborough, and Peterborough, and report to this House their opinion respecting the granting the prayer of said petition. Sent up by Capt. Martin.

* 12 : 625 * *Voted*, That the hearing on the petition of Richard-Cutts Shannon, Esq. which was to have been this day before the General-Court, be postponed 'till to-morrow; of which all persons concerned are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Sent up by Mr. Betton.

The committee on the petition of Edward Dimpsey, reported that by an act passed March 25, 1782, it is (amongst other things) provided that the commissioners appointed to receive and examine the claims against confiscated estates, shall make out a list of such claims, and shall lodge the same with the Judge of Probate for the County where such estate lies, who is directed to send an attested copy thereof to the Treasurer, who is to pay the same in notes, as expressed in said act; but, as by an article in the Constitution, it is expressly declared that no monies shall be issued out of the Treasury of this State, and disposed of, except in certain cases therein mentioned, (neither of which, in the opinion of your committee) includes the present case; we therefore recommend that a bill be brought in

[1] xii. Ham. Town Papers, 516.

directing the list to be lodged at the Secretary's office, and that the President issue his order in usual form. Signed, J. Gilman, for the committee.

Which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Mr. Betton.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1784.

The House met according to adjournment.

Voted, That the account of Nicholas Nicholle, amounting to five pounds eighteen shillings and two pence, be allowed and paid out of the Treasury, by order of the President. Sent up by Mr. Martin.

The committee on the petition and memorial of the Rev. Mr. Evans, reported as their opinion, that the request be granted so far as it respects depreciation, and that he have order therefor accordingly.

Signed, John Wentworth, for the committee.

Which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Mr. Willard.

* Upon hearing and considering the petition of Richard- * 12 : 626
Cutts Shannon, Esq.

Voted, That the prayer thereof be granted, and that the petitioner have leave to bring in a bill accordingly.

Sent up by Mr. Pickering.

Upon hearing and considering the petition of Major Jonathan Child,

Voted, That the prayer thereof be granted, and that the petitioner have leave to bring in a bill accordingly.

Sent up by Mr. E. Pickering.

Adjourned to three o'clock P. M.

Met accordingly.

Upon hearing and considering the petition of Hezekiah Wilkins,

Voted, that the prayer thereof be granted, and that he have leave to bring in a bill accordingly. Sent up by Major Child.

Voted, That the ballance of the account of Noah Worster, Esq. amounting to two pounds eight shillings and eleven pence, be allowed and paid out of the Treasury, by order of the President.

Sent up by Capt. Marsh.

The committee on the petition of Thomas Kemp, and Nathan Wesson, Lieutenants in a company of artificers, and artillery, in Capt. Nathan Chapman's Company, Col. Flower's regiment, reported

as their opinion, that the said Kemp and Wesson, having produced such vouchers as make it appear that they are to be considered as a part of this State's quota of the late army, are therefore entitled to the depreciation of their wages while in the service, and that they be made up for their time in the books while in the service; and that the President issue orders for payment. Your committee further recommend, that Ephraim Blood and William Blood, soldiers in said company, inlisted to serve during the war, be likewise made up for their depreciation ; the other soldiers in the roll having engaged for a less time than three years, do not come within the resolve of Congress. Signed, Timothy Walker, for the committee.

* 12 : 627 * Which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Mr. Mann.

Upon hearing and considering the petition of Samuel Connor,

Voted, That the prayer thereof be granted under certain restrictions, which are to be mentioned in the bill to be brought in for vacating the deed. Sent up by Capt. Fogg.

Voted, That Mr. J. Pickering, Col. Toppan, and Col. Peabody, with such of the honorable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to revise the Impost Act, and prepare and lay before the House a bill for that purpose. Sent up by Capt. Fogg.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1784.

The House met according to adjournment.

The committee on the ration roll of Serjeant James Blake's scouting party, reported that the Serjeant and his men, be allowed twelve pounds each, for billeting themselves, and that the President give order accordingly, on their producing a certificate from Capt. Jeremiah Eames, that they have not received it of him.

Sent up by Col. Runnels.

Voted, That the account of George Long, amounting to seventeen pounds four shillings and nine pence half penny, be allowed and paid out of the Treasury, by order of the President.

Sent up by Mr. Jewett.

Voted, That Mr. Smith, Col. Payne, Mr. Pickering, Col. Bartlett and Mr. Beede, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to draught and lay before this House, all such public bills as may be thought necessary to be passed this session.

Sent up by Mr. Jewett.

Voted, That Gen. Badger, Col. Peabody, Mr. M. Wallace, Capt. Sumner, and Col. Bedel, with such of the honorable Senate as may

be joined, be a committee to consider and report what they think necessary to be done with the old continental money now in the Treasury, and in the hands of individuals in this State.

Sent up by Col. Tash.

* *Voted*, that Col. Toppan, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Betton, Mr. * 12 : 628
McGregore and Capt. Calfe, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to consider of the petition of the selectmen of Pelham,[1] praying that an act be passed for the better observation of the Lord's-day, and sundry other petitions of a similar nature, and report a bill for that purpose, if they think necessary. Sent up by Major Gains.

Voted, That Dr. Brackett, Major Baker, and Mr. Emerson, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to consider of the accounts of Dr. Hall Jackson and Dr. John Jackson, and all similar matters, and report thereon.

Sent up by Mr. Wilbore.

The committee on the petition of Abraham Perkins, Esq. and Thomas-Stow Ranney, reported that the prayer thereof be granted.

Which report was read and considered, received and accepted.

Sent up by Mr. Wilbore.

Voted, That Mr. Jewett, Major Whitcomb, and Col. Runnels, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to consider of the petition of Jonas Minot, agent for Daniel Davis, and report thereon. Sent up by Major Gains.

The committee to consider of the petition of Col. John Hale, reported as their opinion, that the prayer thereof be granted.

Which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted, and that the President give order accordingly. Sent up by Mr. Wallace.

The committee on the petition of Major Jonathan Child, in behalf of Lieutenant James Gould, reported that the prayer thereof be granted, and that the president draw an order on the Treasurer in favor of the petitioner, for eighteen pounds fourteen shil-
lings and eight pence, the sum * deducted, when his Doc- * 12 : 629
tor's bill was settled.

Signed, J. Gilman, for the committee.

Which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted. Sent up by Col. Tash.

Voted, That Mr. Jewett, Capt. Leavitt, and Capt. Pickering, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to consider of the petition of Ephraim Hildreth, and John Robinson, and report thereon. Sent up by Mr. Greeley.

Voted, That Major Wentworth, Col. Payne, Mr. Chase, Col. Bart-

[1] xiii. Ham. Town Papers, 150.

lett and Capt. Mann, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to consider of the petition of William Badger, and Abigail Badger, and all similar matters, and report thereon.

Sent up by Col. Tash.

Adjourned to three o'clock, P. M.

Met accordingly.

Whereas the selectmen of the Gore, (so called) in the county of Strafford, have petitioned the General-Court, setting forth that the inhabitants of said Gore, in March last, held a meeting and chose all officers, as usual to assess and collect their taxes ; but as their power of holding meetings ceased with the late proportion act, their proceeding was void : Wherefore, they prayed that the choice of officers, and other proceedings at said annual meeting might be established :

Therefore *Resolved*, That the meeting held in said Gore, in March last, be established and the officers chosen to assess and collect their taxes, are hereby fully authorized and impowered to transact the necessary business of their respective offices, as fully as if said proportion act had continued in force through the year ; and the officers chosen at said meeting, are hereby impowered to call a meeting for the purposes aforesaid, some time in March next, and the officers for the respective years to call meetings annually to choose such necessary officers, until a new proportion of the State taxes shall be made.

Sent up by Capt. Pickering.

* 12|: 630 * *Voted*, That Mr. J. Pickering, Gen. Badger, Col. King, Col. Peabody, and Mr. McMurphy, with such of the honorable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to nominate to this House proper persons to be appointed Managers of the Dartmouth-College Lottery. Sent up by Major Pickering.

Voted, That the hearing on the petition of Jeremiah Tibbetts, which was to have been this day before the General-Court be postponed to Wednesday next ; of which all persons concerned, are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Sent up by Mr. Freeman.

Upon hearing and considering the petition of Jonathan Mason,

Voted, That the prayer thereof be granted, and that he have leave to bring in a bill accordingly. Sent up by Mr. Freeman.

Voted, That Mr. J. Pickering, Mr. Smith, Col. Peabody, Col. Hill and Col. Bartlett, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to consider of the memorial of the Reverend Mr. Jeremy Belknap, and report thereon.

Sent up by Col. Bartlett.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1784.

The House met according to adjournment.

Upon reading and considering the petition of Capt. John Neal,

Voted, That the prayer thereof be granted, and that the President give order that the Treasurer receive said orders, and indorse the sum total on the bond, signed by said Neal.

Sent up by Capt. Pickering.

Voted, That Col. Payne, Capt. Putnam, Mr. Jewett, Major Shephard, and Mr. Jenness, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to consider of the petition of Zebulon Crane, and all similar matters and report thereon.

Sent up by Major Shephard.

* Upon reading and considering the petition of Asahel * 12 : 631
Bundy, Peter Eastman and Benjamin Bellows, Esq'rs.

Voted, That the petitioners be heard thereon, before the General-Court, on the second Thursday of their next session; and that in the meantime, the petitioners cause that the substance of the petition and order of Court thereon, be published three weeks successively in the New-Hampshire Gazette, that any person or persons may then appear and shew cause (if any they have) why the prayer thereof may not be granted. Sent up by Major Shephard.

The committee appointed to take under consideration a resolve of the General-Court, passed June 15, 1784, beg leave to report that to carry the design of the General-Court, in said resolve, into effect, it is necessary that a vote or votes to the following purpose, should be passed, viz.

That all the soldiers who enlisted in this State, in the years 1777, 1778, and 1779, to serve in the Continental army for two years, or any term of time less than three years, shall be allowed depreciation. Their accounts to be made up by a committee to be appointed for that purpose, in the same manner as the accounts were made up for those soldiers who were engaged for three years, or during the war, to be subject to the same charges and deductions; the interest to commence at the expiration of the year in which any such soldier was discharged; that on application to said committee by any such soldier, a certificate shall be made out, of the sum due, and when interest shall commence; and that on the President's receiving such certificate, he issue his order on the Treasurer, in the same manner as he draws in favor of those soldiers who were engaged during the war.

Signed, J. Gilman, for the Committee.

Which report being read and considered,

Voted, that it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Mr. Jewett.

* 12 : 632 * The committee on the petition of Lieut. Moses Belding, &c. reported that the said Lieut. Moses Belding, be made up the depreciation of his wages as other officers of his rank, until the first of September, 1778, the time he was deranged; and that the President give order accordingly.

Signed, Ebenezer Smith, for the committee.

Which report being read and considered,

Voted, that it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Mr. Jewett.

Adjourned to Monday next, three o'clock, P. M.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1784.

The House met according to adjournment.

Voted, That Col. Toppan, Gen. Badger, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Grout, and Col. Payne, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to consider what business is yet necessary to be transacted at this session, and report thereon. Sent up Col. King.

Voted, That Thursday the second day of December next, be observed and kept as a day of public Thanksgiving throughout this State; and that his Excellency the President (with advice of counsel) be requested to issue a Proclamation for that purpose.

Sent up by Major Gains.

Voted, that Col. Payne, Col. Toppan, Mr. Jewett, Gen. Badger, and Mr. Chase, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to consider of the petition of Elisha Payne, jun. and others, and report thereon. Sent up by Capt. Young.

Voted, That Mr. Dow, Mr. Ayer, and Capt. Leavitt, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to consider of the petition of [Sarah Chapman and Justus Chapman, and report thereon. Sent up by Mr. Eastman.

Voted, That Col. Leavitt, Mr. Jewett, and Mr. Betton, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to consider of the petition of] the Selectmen of Merrimack, and report thereon. Sent up by Mr. Marsh.[1]

* 12 : 633 * The committee chosen at the last session of the General-Court, for preparing a device and inscription for a Seal for this State, reported, that the device be a field encompassed with laurel, round the field in capital letters, SIGILLUM REIPUBLICAE NEO HANTONIENSIS, on the field a rising sun, and a

1. The portions of two paragraphs enclosed in brackets are not in the manuscript journal, but are found in the official copy printed at the time. It will be observed also that the name of the party here mentioned as *Chapman* is given as Chapin in the Senate record.

ship on the stocks, with *American* banners displayed, and that said seal be two inches diameter :

Which [device and] inscription being considered,

Voted, That the same be received and accepted, and that the said committee procure the seal as soon as may be.

Sent up by Capt. Sumner.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1784.

The House met according to adjournment.

An act to vest the exclusive right of keeping a ferry over a certain part of Connecticut-river, in Benjamin Sumner, of Claremont, in the county of Cheshire, his heirs and assigns, was read a third time, and passed to be enacted. Sent up by Major Gains and Mr. Knowles.

An Act to vest the sole and exclusive right and privilege of keeping a ferry over a certain part of Connecticut river, in Oliver Ashley, of Claremont, in the county of Cheshire, his heirs and assigns, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Major Gains and Mr. Knowles.

Voted, That Col. Toppan, Major Gains, and Col. Peabody, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to consider of the propriety of passing a resolve respecting the [goods on board the] ship *Arthur*, and report thereon.

Sent up by Major Gains.

An Act to enable Sarah Little, to sell a certain house and land thereto belonging, situate in Portsmouth, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Mr. Powers and Capt. Calfe.

* The committee to consider of the propriety of passing a resolve respecting the goods on board the ship *Arthur*, reported a resolve, which was read and considered, received and accepted. * 12 : 634

Sent up by Col. Toppan.

An Act, in addition to an act, entitled an act to enable George Kezar, to review an action of entry and disseizin, against Richard Melony, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Mr. Powers and Mr. Calfe.

Voted, That Major Gains, Gen. Badger, Mr. Means, Major Whitcomb, Mr. Freeman, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to consider of a letter of Gen. John Sullivan, and report thereon. Sent up by Mr. Powers.

Adjourned to three o'clock, P. M.

Met accordingly.

Voted, that Mr. McMurphy, Mr. Jewett, and Major Gains, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to consider of the account of Col. Supply Clapp; also what allowance shall be made him for his services, and report thereon.

Sent up by Mr. Young.

Voted, That Mr. Smith, Major Whitcomb, and Col. Bartlett, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to prepare a resolve to carry into effect a report of a committee of Saturday last, respecting a settlement with those soldiers who served in the Continental army, for any term short of three years, and lay the same before this house.

Sent up by Major Whitcomb.

An Act to divide the town of Apthorp, in the county of Grafton, and State aforesaid, and incorporate the same into two several towns, was read a third time, and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Col. Peabody and Mr. Smith.

* 12 : 635 * *Voted*, That the Hon. Samuel Livermore, Esq. be and he hereby is appointed a delegate to represent this State, in the Congress of the United States, in the room and stead of the Hon. Jonathan Blanchard, Esq. who declined accepting said trust; and that he represent this State until the first Monday in November next, unless sooner relieved or recalled by the General-Court of this State, with all the powers and privileges which other delegates from this State have heretofore had and enjoyed, agreeably to the Confederation of the United States. Sent up by Mr. Greeley.

Voted, That the Hon. Pierse Long, Esq; be and he hereby is appointed a delegate to represent this State, in the Congress of the United-States in the room and stead of the Hon. John Langdon, Esq; who declined accepting said trust; and that he represent this State, until the first Monday in November next, unless sooner relieved or recalled by the General-Court of this State, with all the powers and privileges which other delegates from this State have heretofore had and enjoyed, agreeably to the Confederation of the United-States. Sent up by Mr. Greeley.

Voted, That the Hon. Elisha Payne, Esq; be, and he hereby is appointed a delegate to represent this State, in the Congress of the United-States, in the room and stead of the honorable Moses Dow, Esq; who declined accepting said trust; and that he represent this State, until the first Monday in November next, unless sooner relieved or recalled by the General-Court of this State, with all the powers and privileges which other delegates from this State, have heretofore had and enjoyed, agreeably to the Confederation of the United-States. Sent up by Mr. Greeley.

Voted, That Major Gains, Col. Bedel, and Mr. Jewett, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to consider of the propriety of giving the treasurer order for the payment * of small ballances due to soldiers, in certificates, * 12 : 636 to avoid the trouble of issuing notes therefor: Also to consider the propriety of paying small notes, by issuing certificates for the same, and report thereon. Sent up by Mr. Duncan.

Voted, That the hearing on the petition of Levi Harvey, and others,[1] inhabitants of New-London, which was to have been before the General-Court, on Thursday last, be put over to the second Thursday of the next session, and that in the mean time the petitioners give notice thereof, by publishing this vote in the New Hampshire Gazette, three weeks successively. Sent up by Major Gains.

The vote of yesterday appointing a committee on the petition of Elisha Payne, jun. and others, came down from the honorable Senate, for the following amendment, "That they report on any similar matters they judge necessary;" Which amendment was read and concurred.

Upon hearing and considering the petition of William Dana, praying for a grant of a ferry over Connecticut river,

Voted, That the prayer thereof be granted, and that he have leave to bring in a bill accordingly. Sent up by Col. Payne.

Voted, That Col. Runnels, Mr. Adams, Mr. Betton, Col. Peabody and Mr. Smiley, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to consider of the propriety of directing the Loan-Officer in this State, to issue certificates, for the interest on Loan-Office certificates, agreeably to the resolves of Congress; and whether the inhabitants of any other State, who are holders of certificates and notes, issued in this State, shall be entitled to receive interest on Loan-Office certificates, also, the fifteen per cent. on State Securities. Sent up by Col. Payne.

* *Voted*, That the last precept issued by the Treasurer, * 12 : 637 directed to the Selectmen of Gunthwait, be altered and directed to the Selectmen of Concord, alias Gunthwait; and that all precepts to be issued in future to said Selectmen, and their successors, be directed accordingly, until further order of the General-Court. Sent up by Col. Payne.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

[1] xiii. Ham. Town Papers, 5.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1784.

The House met according to adjournment.

Upon reading and considering the petition of Jacob Jewett, jun.

Voted, That the petitioner be heard thereon, before the General-Court, on the second Wednesday of their next session; and that in the mean time the petitioner cause that Samuel Stearns of Plymouth, be served with a copy of the petition, and order of Court thereon, that he may then appear and shew cause (if any he hath) why the prayer thereof may not be granted; and that all further process against said Jewett, be stayed until the determination of the General-Court. Sent up by Col. Peabody.

Voted, That the account of John S. Dearborn, amounting to two pounds fourteen shillings; also the account of John Gross, amounting to two pounds fourteen shillings, be allowed and paid out of the Treasury, by order of the President. Sent up by Col. Peabody.

Upon reading and considering the petition of Jacob Brown, and others,[1] inhabitants of Ossipee-Gore, praying for an incorporation, &c.

Voted, That the petitioners be heard thereon, before the General-Court, on the first Friday of their next session; and that in the mean time, the petitioner cause that the substance of the petition, and order of Court thereon, be published three weeks successively in the New Hampshire Gazette, that any person or persons may then appear and shew cause, (if any they have) why the prayer thereof may not be granted. Sent up by Mr. Emerson.

* 12 : 638 * *Voted*, That Mr. Knowles, Col. Hill, and Capt. Mann,[2] with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to consider of the petition of James Betton, Esq. in behalf of Gain Armor, and all similar matters, and report thereon.

Sent up by Mr. Emerson.

Upon reading and considering the petition of Ebenezer Torrey,

Voted, That the petitioner be heard thereon before the General-Court, on the first Friday of their next session; and that in the mean time the petitioner cause that David Leonard, and Abel Leonard, each to be served with a copy of the petition and order of Court thereon, that they or either of them, may then appear and shew cause (if any they have) why the prayer thereof may not be granted, and that all further process against the said Torrey, be stayed until the decision of the General-Court thereon.

Sent up by Capt. Young.

Voted, That Col. Bartlett, Col. Tash, Mr. McGregore, Mr. Chase, and Col. Bedel, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined,

[1] xiii. Ham. Town Papers, 139. [2] *Marsh* in the printed journal.

be a committee to consider of the petition of R. Freeman, in behalf of the town of Hanover, and all similar matters, and report thereon.

Sent up by Mr. Freeman.

An Act for granting liberty to set up and carry on a lottery to raise money for the purpose of erecting an edifice, in the township of Hanover, for the use and benefit of Dartmouth-Colledge, was read a third time, and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Col. Payne and Mr. Freeman.

Voted, That the pay rolls of Meshech Bell, Lieutenant and Commandant, stationed at New-Castle, one amounting to fifty-one pounds twelve shillings, and the other to seventy-two pounds, which completes the pay of said * officer and men to the * 12:639
20th of October 1784, be allowed and paid out of the Treasury to the said Lieut. Bell, and that the President give order accordingly.

Sent up by Major Wiggin.

Upon reading and considering the petition of John Hall,[1]

Voted, That the petitioner be heard thereon before the General-Court, on the second Wednesday of their next session; and that in the mean time the petitioner cause that the selectmen of Goffstown, be served with a copy of the petition and order of Court thereon, that they may then appear and shew cause (if any they have) why the prayer thereof may not be granted.

Sent up by Mr. Young.

Voted, That two pounds per month, be allowed and paid to the person who has attended, or may in future attend the Light-House at New-Castle, over and above his pay as a soldier, provided he do his duty as a soldier; and that the commanding-officer be directed to make up a roll for the time past, and in future, agreeably to this vote, and that the President give order for payment accordingly.

Sent up by Mr. Knowles.

Adjourned to three o'clock, P. M.

Met accordingly.

The committee on the petitions of Thomas Russell, and John Young, in behalf of sundry towns in the counties of Cheshire and Grafton, reported as their opinion, that persons be appointed to receive and examine in the recess of the Court, the accounts of all such towns, and individuals, in the counties of Cheshire and Grafton, which pretend to have any demands against this State for services done during the late war, which have not been already allowed; also, inquire into all sums or articles that have been advanced or supplied such towns, or individuals, and report thereon, specially, at the next session of the General-Court.

Signed, Woodbury Langdon, for the committee.

[1] xii. Ham. Town Papers, 551.

* 12 : 640 Which report being read * and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted, with this amendment — " That the persons to be appointed, shall receive and examine the whole of such accounts as may be presented from any and every town in this State, as well as the towns who have petitioned."

Sent up by Mr. Jenness.

Upon hearing and considering the petition of Jeremiah Tibbets,

Voted, That the prayer thereof be granted, and that the petitioner have leave to bring in a bill accordingly. Sent up by Col. Toppan.

Adjourned to nine o'clock tomorrow morning.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1784.

The House met according to Adjournment.

An Act to invest the United-States in Congress assembled, with additional powers for a limitted time, was read a third time, and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Col. Peabody and Mr. Smith.

An Act, in addition to an Act, entitled an Act, to authorize the several Judges of Probate, within this State, to liquidate the sums paid into the public Treasury by Trustees, of confiscated estates, by them respectively appointed, to adjust the claims of the creditors against said estates, which have been, or shall be returned into the Treasury-Office, by commissioners, appointed by said Judges, respectively, and to authorize the President of the Council, to give orders for the payment of such claims accordingly, was read a third time, and passed to be enacted,

Sent up by Col. Peabody and Mr. Smith.

An Act to annul and make void a certain deed said to be executed by Samuel Connor to Jeremiah Connor, and others, was read a third time, and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Col. Peabody and Mr. Smith.

* 12 : 641 * The Committee on the petition of Ephraim Hildreth and John Robinson, reported as their opinion, that the said John Robinson and Ephraim Hildreth, have and receive a State note each, for five pounds, with interest, from the fifth of April 1782.

Signed John McClary, for the committee.

Which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted, and that the President give order accordingly. Sent up by Capt. Spaulding.

Voted, That Col. Peabody, Gen. Badger, Mr. Duncan, Col. Toppan and Mr. Jewett, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to take under consideration the requisition of Con-

gress [of the 18th of April, 1783,] respecting this State's quota of the one million and five hundred thousand dollars, and report thereon.

Sent up by Mr. Scribner.

Voted, That Col. Peabody, Major Wentworth, Mr. McGregore, Mr. Chase, and Col. Payne, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to consider at what time, and to what time and place, this General-Court shall be adjourned; also, what pay for travel and attendance, the members of the honorable Senate and House of Representatives, and their officers shall receive at this session; and also at what place the General-Court shall meet in June next, and report thereon. Sent up by Capt. Young.

Voted, That the account of Mr. Moses Woodward, Commissary of Prisoners, be referred to the committee on Col. Supply Clapp's account, and that they report thereon. Sent up by Col. Tash.

Voted, That Major Gains, Capt. Emerson, Mr. Grout, Col. Child, and Capt. Copp, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to consider what allowance shall be made his Excellency the President, as a salary for the current year; also, what pay the honorable Council shall receive for their travel and attendance on his Excellency in the recess of the General Court, and report thereon.

Sent up by Major Shephard.

* *Voted*, That Col. Toppan, Mr. Butler, Major Gains, Col. * 12:642
Hill, and Mr. Means, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to consider what methods are best to be taken for the regulation of commerce in this State, until such time as the regulation thereof may be established by Congress.

Sent up by Col. Bedel.

Upon reading and considering the petitions of Charles Tilden, and John Payne, praying for the privilege of a ferry over Connecticut river

Voted, That the petitioners be heard thereon before the General-Court, on the first Friday of their next session; and that in the meantime, the petitioners cause that the selectmen of Lebanon, be served with a copy of the petition[s] and order of Court thereon, that they, or either of them, may then appear and shew cause (if any they have) why the prayer thereof may not be granted. Sent up by Mr. Knowles.

Voted, That Major Wiggin, Col. Runnels, and Col. Hill, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to consider of the account of Mr. Benjamin Biggelow, and report thereon.

Sent up by Mr. Knowles.

Voted, That Col. Peabody, Col. Runnels, and Col. Bartlett, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to consider of the account of Melcher and Osborne, and report thereon.

Sent up by Mr. Knowles.

Voted, That Capt. Foss, Mr. Ayer, and Mr. Jewett, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to consider of the petition of the selectmen of Raby,[1] and report thereon.

Sent up by Col. King.

Upon reading and considering the petition of Robert McClure,[2] and others, inhabitants of Hillsborough,

* 12 : 643 *Voted,** That the petitioners be heard thereon, before the General-Court, on the second Wednesday of their next session; and that in the meantime the petitioners cause that Sarson Belcher, of Boston, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, be served with a copy of the petition, and order of Court thereon, that he may then appear and shew cause (if any he hath) why the prayer thereof may not be granted; and that all further process be stayed until the decision of the General-Court.

Sent up by Capt. Spaulding.

Voted, That the Treasurer be directed to receive the four following receipts, signed by Major Jonathan Child, viz. One given to Azariah Webb, for five thousand three hundred and ninety two pounds ten shillings; one to Ephraim Morey, for one thousand one hundred and forty pounds twelve shillings and six pence; one to Abel Sawyer, for five hundred and forty seven pounds ten shillings; and one to Amasee Bugbee, for nine hundred and seventy nine pounds seventeen shillings; and that the same be credited to the Collector or Collectors, who present the same, first calculating the sums by the scale of depreciation. Sent up by Major Child.

Adjourned to three o'clock, P. M.

Met accordingly.

Voted, That the account of John Duncan, Esq. amounting to eighteen shillings, be allowed and paid out of the Treasury, by order of the President. Sent up by Mr. Powers.

An Act for restoring Jonathan Child to his law, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Mr. Young, and Mr. McMurphy.

Voted, That Mr. Jewett, Col. Hill, and Capt. Copp, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to consider of the account of Elijah Grout, Esq. as Commissary at Charlestown and report thereon. Sent up by Mr. Grout.

Adjourned to nine o'clock tomorrow morning.

[1] xi. Ham. Town Papers, 244, 245. [2] xii. Ham. Town Papers, 207.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1784.

The House met according to adjournment.

* Upon hearing and considering the petition of George * 12 : 644
Place,

Voted, That the prayer thereof be granted, and that the petitioner have leave to bring in a bill accordingly. Sent up by Col. Runnels.

Upon reading and considering the petition of Col. Supply Clapp, in behalf of George Boyd, Esq ;

Voted, That the prayer thereof be so far granted, as that the said Boyd, have liberty to return to this State, and continue therein, for any term of time, not exceeding one year, from the time of his arrival. Sent up by Col. Runnels.

Voted, That Major Gains, Col. Bedel and Mr. Jewett, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to consider of the petition of Jotham Blanchard, and report thereon.

Sent up Mr. Wilbore.

Upon reading and considering the petition of Jonathan Palmer,

Voted, That the petitioner be heard thereon, before the General-Court, on the second Friday of their next session ; and that in the meantime, the petitioner cause that Col. Stephen Evans, be served with a copy of the petition and order of Court thereon, that he may then appear and shew cause (if any he hath) why the prayer thereof may not be granted, and that the execution be stayed until the decision of the General-Court. Sent up by Capt. Copp.

Voted, That Gen. Badger, Major Wentworth, and Capt. Calfe, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to consider of the petition of Joseph Roberts, jun. and report thereon.

Sent up by Mr. Freeman.

Upon reading and considering the petition of Mary Hart,

Voted, That the petitioner be heard * thereon, before the * 12 : 645
General-Court, on the first Friday of their next session ;
and that in the meantime, the petitioner cause that the substance of the petition and order of Court thereon, be published three weeks successively in the New-Hampshire Gazette, that any person or persons may then appear and shew cause, (if any they have) why the prayer thereof may not be granted. Sent up by Major Gains.

Adjourned to three o'clock, P. M.

Met accordingly.

An Act to alter the time of holding the annual meeting in the town of Meredith, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Col. Runnels and Mr. Jenness.

Voted, That Col. Runnels, Major Wiggin, and Col. Bartlett, with

such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to consider of the petition of Major Jonathan Wentworth, and report thereon. Sent up by Mr. Ayer.

Upon reading and considering the petition of Mark Hunking Wentworth, Esq.

Voted, That the prayer thereof be granted, and that he have leave to bring in a bill accordingly. Sent up by Mr. Jewett.

Adjourned to nine o'clock tomorrow morning.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1784.

The House met according to adjournment.

An Act to impower Abraham Perkins, of Epping, Esq. to collect certain taxes, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Mr. Powers and Mr. Scribner.

The committee to consider at what time, and to what time and place the General-Court shall be adjourned ; also, what pay for travel and attendance at this session, the members of said General-Court shall receive, reported as their opinion, "That this Court adjourn next Wednesday, if the public business shall be finished, then to meet at Concord, the second Wednesday in February next. That the General-Court which is to be chosen next March, be di-
* 12 : 646 rected to meet at Portsmouth. And that * the members of the Senate, and House of Representatives, and their officers, receive the same pay for their travel and attendance, as was allowed at the last session."

Signed, Timothy Walker, for the committee.

Which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Mr. Chase.

Voted, That the Secretary and Clerk, be directed to make out payrolls, for the travel of the honorable members of the Senate, and House of Representatives, at this session, as soon as may be, and that the President be requested to give orders on the Treasury, for the payment of said rolls. Sent up by Col. King.

Voted, That his Excellency the President have, and receive out of the Treasury, the sum of two hundred pounds, for his salary for the current year.[1] Sent up by Major Shephard.

The following resolve came down from the honorable Senate for concurrence :

[1] In the MSS. Journal, this resolve and the one following transposed.

State of New Hampshire,

IN SENATE, November 6, 1784.

Whereas in the years 1777, 1778, and 1779, a number of men inlisted to serve in the Continental army, in the line of this State, for a term of time less than three years, many of whom were promised depreciation; and it appearing reasonable that the soldiers who faithfully performed the service for which they severally engaged, should be equally rewarded for the same:

Resolved, That all the soldiers of the above description, be and hereby are allowed depreciation; and that in every respect, their accounts be made up and settled upon the same principles as the accounts of those soldiers who inlisted to serve for three years or during the war, were made up and settled; and the committee on soldiers accounts are hereby impowered to make up said accounts, and on their certifying the ballance due to any such soldiers, his Excellency the President is hereby requested to issue his warrant for the same on the Treasurer, who shall issue a note for the principal, and a certificate for the interest, in the usual form.

M. WEARE, *President.*

Sent down for concurrence.

*In the HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES, — The same day *12:647 read and concurred.

Sent up by Col. Toppan.

Voted, That Mr. Duncan, Major Whitcomb, and Mr. Jewett, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to consider of the petition of Asa Pratt, and others, soldiers in Major Whitcomb's late corps of rangers, and report thereon.

Sent up by Major Shephard.

The committee on the petition of Lieut. Moses Belding, and all similar matters, reported as their opinion, that Lieut. James Wedgwood receive depreciation until the first day of April 1778; and that the committee on soldier's accounts, make him up accordingly.

Signed, Ebenezer Smith, for the committee.

Which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted, and that the President give order for payment accordingly. Sent up by Mr. Dow.

The committee on the petition of Reuben Spencer, reported as their opinion, that the petitioner is entitled to half pay from the time his whole pay ceased, and that he be enrolled accordingly, to continue until further order of the General-Court. A number of accounts

were laid before the committee, but as they were not accompanied with proper vouchers, are not considered in the above report.

Signed, J. Gilman, for the committee.

Which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Mr. Young.

Adjourned to Monday next three o'clock, P. M.

MONDAY, November 8, 1784.

The House met according to adjournment.

An Act to enable the inhabitants of the parish of Seabrook, denominated Presbyterians, to call a meeting for transacting their parish and ministerial business, was read a third time, and passed to be enacted. Sent up by Capt. Underhill and Mr. Ayer.

* 12 : 648 * An act, in addition to an act, intitled an act for establishing an equitable method of making rates and taxes, and determining who shall be legal voters in town and parish affairs, passed June 12, 1784, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Capt. Underhill and Mr. Ayer.

An act, in addition to an act, intitled an act for making and establishing a new proportion of the public taxes among the several towns, parishes and places within this State, and to authorize the Treasurer to issue his warrants for levying the same annually, passed April 17th, 1784, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Capt. Underhill and Mr. Ayer.

Upon reading and considering the petition of Giles Seaward,

Voted, That the petitioner be heard thereon, before the General-Court, to-morrow morning; and that in the meantime the petitioner cause that the Hon. Woodbury Langdon, Esq. be served with a copy of the petition, and order of Court thereon, that he may then appear and shew cause (if any he hath) why the prayer thereof may not be granted. Sent up by Capt. Underhill.

The committee on the petition of Elisha Payne, jun. and others, reported as their opinion, that the prayer thereof be granted; and that a committee be appointed accordingly.

Signed, Timothy Walker for the committee.

Which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted, and that a bill be brought in for that purpose. Sent up by Mr. Powers.

Adjourned to nine o'clock tomorrow morning.

TUESDAY, November 9, 1784.

The House met according to adjournment.

An Act, in addition to an act, intitled an act, to authorize and im-

power the proprietors of any common and undivided lands, to call meetings of their respective proprietors, and to levy and collect such sum or sums of money on the said lands, as they may judge necessary, and also to transact all their * common * 12 : 649 and public affairs, passed the third of July, in the year of our Lord, 1781, was read a third time, and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Capt. Emerson and Capt. Spaulding.

Whereas the United-States in Congress assembled, on the 15th day of January, Anno Domini 1784, resolved that the interest which has, or may become due on Loan-Office certificates, bearing date between the first day of September 1777, and the first day of March 1778, is not subjected to any depreciation, and did at the same time make order respecting the payment thereof, as also, for liquidating and paying certain interest due on Loan-Office certificates of other descriptions. And whereas this State by their act passed in General-Court June 11th, 1784, hath provided for a partial payment, of a part of the interest aforesaid, and it being necessary that some further provisions be made in the premises :

Therefore, *Resolved*, That the Loan-Officer in this State, be and he hereby is impowered to issue certificates, for the interest due on all monies loaned to the United States, at said Loan Office, in this State, belonging to the inhabitants thereof, until the 28th day of February last, calculating the said interest, by the resolve of Congress, of the 15th of January 1784, so far as said resolve respects the same, and the remainder of said interest agreeably to the other resolve of Congress, of the 28th of June, 1780, deducting only where partial payment hath been made, in consequence of the act of the General-Court of the 11th of June last, as afore-mentioned.

And it is hereby further *Resolved*, That all certificates for interest, issued by the said Loan-Officer, by virtue and in consequence of the foregoing resolve, as also, all certificates that hath been, or shall be issued by the Loan-Officer aforesaid, for interest due on any of the Loan-Office certificates, issued at said Office, or other liquidated debts, agreeably to said resolve of Congress, of the 15th of January, 1784, or to the other resolve of Congress, passed the 15th of April last, shall be taken and received by the several Collectors of taxes, within this State, and by the Treasurer thereof, in the same manner as the * certificates issued by said Loan- * 12 : 650 Officer, for the partial payment of the interest of certain Loan-Office certificates, by virtue of the act of the General-Assembly, of said State, afore-mentioned, are directed to be taken and received by any act or resolve of said General-Court.

Sent up by Capt. Foss

The committee on the account of Mr. Benjamin Biggelow, reported that the same be allowed.

Signed, Woodbury Langdon, for the committee.

Which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted, and that the account of the said Biggelow, amounting to one hundred and fourteen pounds twelve shillings and one penny, be allowed ; and that after the sum or sums he has received are deducted, the President give order for the payment of the ballance. Sent up by Capt. Foss.

[*Voted*, That Mr. John Pickering, Col. Tash, Mr. Means, Major Whitcomb, and Col. Payne, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee, to consider what allowance shall be made his Excellency the President, for his services prior to the taking place of the present Constitution. Sent up by Mr. Ayer.]

The committee to consider of the propriety of giving the Treasurer order for the payment of small ballances due to soldiers, in certificates, &c. reported, "that all orders drawn on the Treasurer for ballances due to soldiers for depreciation, not exceeding the sum of forty shillings, shall be paid by a certificate similar to those that are ordered to be issued for payment of interest on State securities : Also, that the Treasurer be authorized to receive such soldiers notes as were issued for any sum not exceeding forty shillings, and give certificates of the above description therefor."

Signed, J. Gilman, for the committee.

Which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted ; and that the President give order that the Treasurer govern himself accordingly.

Sent up by Capt. Fogg.

The committee on the petition of William Badger, and similar matters, having considered the petition of Abigail Clayes, widow of the late Capt. Clayes, reported as their opinion, that the prayer thereof be granted so far as it is consistent with the resolve of
*12:651 Congress of August * 24, 1784.

Signed, F. Blood, by order of the committee.

Which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted ; and that she be enrolled and paid agreeably to said resolve. Sent up by Mr. Grout.

Voted, That his Excellency the President be desired to write to the Delegates of this State in Congress, to embrace the first opportunity to move Congress for a decision upon the remonstrance of this State to Congress, touching the decree of the Court of Appeals, respecting the Lusanna, and cargo, captured and brought into this State by the private armed vessel McClary. Sent up by Mr. Grout.

Adjourned to three o'clock, P. M.

Met accordingly.

The committee for considering the account of Dr. Hall Jackson, reported as their opinion, that Dr. Jackson, receive forty-eight pounds, lawful money, which shall be considered in full of his account.

Signed, John Langdon, for the committee.

Which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted; and that the President give order for the payment of said forty-eight pounds.

Sent up by Mr. Grout.

Voted, That the Hon. Council have and receive nine shillings per day for their attendance on his Excellency the President in the recess of the General-Court, and four pence per mile travel to and from their homes; that the Secretary and Deputy-Secretary, be allowed the same for travel and attendance in the recess, as when the General-Court is sitting; and that pay-rolls be made up from time to time accordingly; and that the President give order for the payment thereof. Sent up by Major Whitcomb.

An act to confirm to Jeremiah Tibbets, the title of certain land in the county of Strafford, was read a third time, and passed to be enacted. Sent up by Mr. Ayer, and Mr. Butler.

* An act to restore Elisha Ellis, of Hatfield, in the county of Hampshire, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to his law, was read a third time and passed to be enacted. * 12 : 652

Sent up by Mr. Ayer and Mr. Butler.

The committee to consider what allowance shall be made his Excellency the President, for his services prior to the taking place of the present Constitution, reported as their opinion, that the President receive one hundred pounds, which shall be considered in full for his service for the time aforesaid.

Signed, John McClary, for the committee.

Which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Mr. Young.

Voted, That the honorable the Treasurer, be directed to attend the General-Court at their next session, at Concord, on the second Wednesday of February next, with such papers, &c. as may be necessary to transact public business. Sent up by Mr. Young.

An act, in addition to an act, intitled an act for establishing a light-house, passed Aprjl 9th, 1784, was read a third time and passed to be enacted. Sent up by Mr. Jewett and Col. Bartlett.

An act enabling Mark-Hunking Wentworth, Esq. to act as formerly for the heirs and representatives of Trecothick and Thomlinson, of London, under all the various firms that house hath since taken; as also by virtue of a late power received by him from said

heirs, &c. dated the first of January, 1784, signed Samuel Colker, John Trecothick, and East Apthorp, Administrators, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Mr. Jewett and Col. Bartlett.

An act, for repealing an act, intitled an act for preventing the subjects of his Britanic Majesty, and all other persons inimical to the United-States of North-America, from prosecuting actions, serving as jurors, or acting as town officers within this State,
* 12 : 653 passed November 28, 1781, was * read a third time and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Mr. Jewett and Col. Bartlett.

Voted, That Pierse Long, Esq. have and receive out of the Treasury, by order of the President one hundred and Twenty pounds to enable him to proceed to Congress and for which sum he is accountable as a Delegate. Sent up by Mr. Jewett.

Voted, That the committee for draughting Bills prepare and lay before this House a Resolve directing the Treasurer to receive all Certificates that are issued in this State for Interest on monies loaned to this or the United States in payment of any State Taxes that now are or may hereafter be due to this State. Sent up by Col. Bartlett.

Adjourned to nine o'clock tomorrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, November 10, 1784.

The House met according to adjournment.

The Committee on the Petition of Major Jonathan Wentworth reported as their opinion that Major Jonathan Wentworth be allowed to pay the remainder of the Principal and Interest due upon his Bond now in the Hands of the Treasurer in State Securities, he the said Wentworth having already paid to said Treasurer about three quarters of said Bond in hard money. Signed, Timothy Walker, for the Committee.

Which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted, and that the Treasurer on receipt of said securities cancel or deliver up said Bond.

Sent up by Major Wiggin.

The Committee to whom was referred the propriety of Altering the Regiments of Militia in this State, &c. Reported as their opinion (viz.), That there be Established a Regiment of Light Horsemen to consist of six companies, of sixty-four men each exclusive of Commission officers (viz.) Two Companies in the County of Rockingham and one Company in each of the other Counties. The Commander of said Regiment to have the Rank of Brigadier-General, and the other officers with the usual Grades.
* 12 : 654 * And that the remainder of the Militia of the State be divided into Regiments as follows (viz):

No. 1 to consist of
Portsmouth,
Greenland,
Newington,
Stratham.

No. 2.
Dover,
Durham,
Somersworth,
Madbury,
Rochester,
Barrington,
Lee.

No. 3.
Hampton,
Hampton-falls,
North-Hampton,
Rye,
Seabrook,
Kensington.

No. 4.
Exeter,
Newmarket,
Epping,
Brentwood,
Poplin.

No. 5.
Dunstable,
Amherst,
Hollis,
Nottingham-West,
Litchfield,
Merrimack,
Mile-Slip,
School-farms,
Raby.

No. 6.
Winchester,
Richmond,

No. 6 *Cont'd.*
Swanzey,
Keene,
Gilsum.

No. 7.
Plaistow,
Hampstead,
Salem,
Atkinson,
Sandown.

No. 8.
Londonderry,
Windham,
Pelham.

No. 9.
Goffstown,
Dunbarton,
Weare,
New-Boston,
Bedford,
Francestown,
Antrim,
Deering.

No. 10.
Barnstead,
Gilmanton,
New-Durham,
New-Durham-Gore,
Sanbornton,
Meredith,
New-Hampton.

No. 11.
Concord,
Pembroke,
Canterbury,
Bow,
Loudon,
Northfield,
Allenstown.

No. 12.
Rindge,
Jaffrey,
Dublin,
Packersfield,
Marlborough,
Fitzwilliam.

No. 13.
Haverhill,
Orford,
Piermont,
Bath,
Wentworth,
Warren,
Coventry,
Peeling.

No. 14.
Plymouth,
Rumney,
Alexandria,
Campton,
Holderness,
New-Chester,
Cockermouth,
Thornton.

No. 15.
Cornish,
Plainfield,
Claremont,
Grantham,
Protectworth,
Croydon,
Newport,
Wendell.

* No. 16. * 12 : 655

Charlestown,
Acworth,
Unity,
Lempster,

No. 16 *Cont'd.*
Walpole,
Alstead,
Marlow,
Washington,
Stoddard.

No. 17.
Chester,
Candia,
Raymond.

No. 18.
Nottingham,
Deerfield,
Epsom,
Chichester,
Pittsfield,
Northwood.

No. 19.
Moultonborough,
Sandwich,
Tamworth,
Wolfborough,
Middleton,
Tuftonborough,
Wakefield,
Effingham,
Ossipee-Gore,
Conway,
Eaton,
Burton,
Locations.

No. 20.
Kingstown,
Hawke,
East-Kingstown,
South-Hampton,
Newtown.

No. 21.
Hinsdale,
Chesterfield,
Westmoreland,
Surrey.

No. 22.
Salisbury,
Boscawen,
Andover,
Hopkinton,
New-London,
Warner,
Sutton,
Fisherfield,
New-Bradford,
Hillsborough,
Henniker.

No. 23.
Mason,
Wilton,
New-Ipswich,
Temple,
Peterborough,
Peterborough-Slip,
Lyndeborough,

No. 23. — *Cont'd.*
Hancock,
Society-Land.

No. 24.
Lebanon,
Hanover,
Lyme,
Enfield,
Grafton,
Canaan,
Cardigan,
Dorchester.

No. 25.
Lyman,
Landaff,
Lincoln,
Concord, alias Gunthwait,
Cockburn,
Franconia,
Littleton,
Dalton,
Lancaster,
Dartmouth,
Northumberland,
Stratford,
Coleburn,
Piercy.

Signed, Timothy Walker, for the committee.

Which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Mr. Young.

* 12 : 656 * The Yeas and Nays being called for the foregoing report, were as follows :

Yeas. — Mr McMurphy, Colo Toppan, Capt Leavitt, Mr Shaw, Capt Morrill, Capt Fogg, Majr Batcheldor, Colo Emerson, Mr Scribner, Mr Clough, Colo Peabody, Mr Means, Mr Duncan, Majr Shep-

hard, Mr Smiley, Mr Willard, Colo King, Mr Chase, Mr Morss, Majr Baker, Colo Payne, Colo Bedel, Mr Butler, Mr Smith, Majr Wentworth, Mr Knowles, Mr Sanborn, Genl Badger, Doctr Brackett, Mr Bedee, Colo Richardson, Capt Marsh, Capt French, Mr Macgregore, Capt Spaulding, Mr Storey, Mr Whitcomb, Majr Capron, Mr Wilbore, Capt Sumner, Capt Copeland, Mr Kendall, Mr Ayer, Mr Freeman, Capt Young.

Nays. — Majr Gains, Majr Wiggin, Colo Bartlett, Majr Cram, Capt Calfe, Capt Foss, Colo Tash, Capt Copp, Capt Putnam, Mr Cragin, Mr M. Wallace, Mr R. Wallace, Mr E. Grout, Mr D. Grout.

Yeas 45. Nays 14.

Voted, That Mr Smith, Colo Bartlett, & Mr Cragin, with such of the Honbl Senate as may be joined, be a Committee to Consider the Account of Mr. Robert Gerrish and report thereon

Sent up by Mr Scribner.

Upon the reading and Considering the Petition of John Pickering, Esqr in behalf of Sarah Ross,

Voted, That the Petitioner be heard thereon before the General-Court on the first Tuesday of their next session, and that in the mean time, the Petitioner cause that the substance of the Petition and order of Court thereon, be published three weeks successively in the New-Hampshire Gazzette, that any person, or persons, may then appear and shew cause (if any they have) why the prayer thereof may not be granted. Sent up by Mr Scribner.

* Upon reading and considering the Petition of Thomas Pinkham, * 12 : 657

Voted, That the Petitioner be heard thereon before the General-Court on the first Tuesday of the next Session; & that in the mean time, he serve Margaret Frost with a Copy of said Petition and order of Court thereon that she may then appear and shew cause (if any she hath) why the prayer thereof may not be granted, and that Execution be stayed in the mean time. Sent up by Colo Bartlett.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock, P. M.

Met accordingly.

Voted, That his Excellency, the President, and the Honbe the Council, are hereby authorized and appointed, to examine and Settle the accounts of Richard Hart, Thomas Martin, John Pierce, Joseph Pierce, Jonathan Warner, & Mark H. Wentworth, Esqr; and that the President give order for the payment of the Sums due to said Creditors. Sent up by Capt Marsh.

The Committee on the Petition of Phebe Colburn, relict of Lieut. Colo Andrew Colburn, deceased, Reported, that the prayer thereof be granted. That half pay be made up agreeably to the Resolve of Con-

gress August 24th, 1780, and that his Excellency the President give order that the Treasurer issue a Note, or Notes, accordingly.

Signed, J. Gilman, for Committee.

Which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Mr Jenness.

The Committee on the Petition of William Badger & Abigail, his wife, who was the widow of Zechariah Beale, late a Captain in the New Hampshire line, Reported, that the prayer thereof be so far granted as is consistent with the Resolve of Congress of the 24th of August, 1780, and that his Excellency the President give order to the Treasurer to issue notes accordingly, and that Interest commence at the Date of his Excellency's order.

Sindd, J. Gilman, for the Committee.

Which report being read & considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Colo Bartlett.

* 12 : 658 * The Committee on the Petition of Elisabeth Bell, relict of Capt Frederick-Mordant Bell, late a Captain in the New-Hampshire line, reported, that the prayer thereof be granted; That half pay be made up agreeably to the Resolve of Congress of the 24th of August, 1780, and that his Excellency the President give order that the Treasurer issue a Note or Notes, accordingly.

Signed, J. Gilman, for the Committee.

Which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Mr McMurphy.

Voted, That Colo Bedel, Colo Bartlett and Colo Toppan, with such of the Honbe Senate as may be joind, be a committee to consider of the Accounts of Majr Jonathan Child and report.

Sent up by Colo Bartlett.

The vote of this day for dividing of the Militia of this State into Regiments was returned for the following amendment : (viz) That the Towns proposed to Contain the Regiment No. 12, be numbered 23, and the Towns proposed to be No. 23, be numbered 12; on which proposed amendment the yeas and nays were required, and are as follows (viz)

Yeas. — Majr Gains, Mr J. Pickering, Colo Toppan, Majr Cram, Mr Scribner, Mr Betton, Genl Badger, Mr Bedee, Colo Richardson, Colo Tash, Mr Cragin, Mr Storey, Mr Powers, Majr Child, Capt Morrill, Capt Fogg, Colo Hill, Colo Bartlett, Mr Jenness, Capt Calfe, Mr Smith, Capt Marsh, Capt Emerson, Mr Adams, Capt Spaulding, Mr Duncan, Colo King, Mr Freeman.

NAYS. — Mr Shaw, Colo Emerson, Mr Clough, Colo Peabody, Majr Wentworth, Majr Whitcomb, Capt Sumner, Mr Kendall, Colo Payne, Capt Copp, Mr Macgregore, Mr R. Wallace, Mr Grout, Mr Capron, Mr Willard, Mr Chase, Mr Badger, Mr Young.

28 yeas 18 nays

So the motion for amendment was lost, there not being two thirds of the members present in favor of it and it was returned to the Senate.

* Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow morning * 12 : 659

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1784.

The House met according to adjournment.

An Act for laying out a public road or highway to Dartmouth-College, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Mr. Grout and Mr. Young.

An act, to repeal an act, intitled an act for laying an Impost Duty on sundry goods imported into this State, and for laying an Impost Duty on certain goods and merchandize which may be imported into this State, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Mr. Grout and Mr. Young.

An act, in addition to an act, intitled an act for the equal distribution of insolvent estates, was read a third time and passed to be enacted. Sent up by Mr. Grout and Mr. Young.

Voted, That Mr. Bedee, Col. Toppan, and Mr. Jenness, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to consider what allowance shall be made the Secretary for his services, prior to the taking place of the present Constitution, and report thereon.

Sent up by Mr. Young.

Voted, That Mr. J. Pickering, Mr. Atkinson, Col. Peabody, Col. Toppan, and Mr. Smith, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to prepare and lay before this House, at their next session, a bill for the better observation of the Lord's day, and such other public bills as they judge necessary to be passed at said session. Sent up by Mr. Young.

Voted, That the account of John Calfe, Esq. amounting to four pounds three shillings and six pence, be allowed and paid out of the Treasury, by order of the President. Sent up by Major Child.

Voted, That Supply Clapp, Esq. Commissary-General, be and he hereby is impowered to make sale of some damaged powder, now in the care of Elijah Grout, Esq. at Charlestown, and any other damaged powder belonging to this State. Sent up by Major Child.

* The committee on the petition of Pratt and others, reported, that as they were not returned by Major Whit- * 12 : 660

comb, as belonging to this State, nor are considered by Congress as a part of this State's quota, the prayer of the petition cannot be granted.

Signed, J. Gilman, for the committee.

Which report was read and considered, received and accepted.

The committee to consider of the letter of General John Sullivan, reported as their opinion that he be allowed one hundred and ten pounds, in addition to what has been already allowed for his services at Philadelphia, as Agent for this State.

Signed, John Langdon, for the committee.

Which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted; and that the President give order accordingly. Sent up by Mr. Jenness.

The committee to consider of the account of Robert Gerrish, reported as their opinion, that the sum of fourteen pounds fourteen shillings and six pence, should be deducted from the account of said Gerrish, for over charges ; and that the ballance being seventy five pounds, should be allowed and paid out of the Treasury in full for said account, and that his Excellency the President give order accordingly. Signed, Woodbury Langdon, for the committee.

Which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Major Wiggin.

The committee to consider of the account of Melcher and Osborne, [reported, that the account of the said Melcher and Osborne,] amounting to seventy-nine pounds twelve shillings, be allowed and paid out of the Treasury, and that his Excellency the President give order accordingly.

Signed, J. Gilman, for the committee.

Which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Mr. McMurphy.

Voted, That Col. Peabody, Capt. Copp, Capt. Putnam, Mr. E. Grout and Col. Payne, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to consider in what manner the Excise shall be sold, and by whom ; also to report the conditions of sale.

Sent up by Col. Bedel.

* 12 : 661 * *Voted*, That the account of John Williams, amounting to four pounds, be allowed and paid out of the Treasury, by order of the President. Sent up by Maj. Child.

Voted, That the account of George Gains, Esq., amounting to thirteen pounds, thirteen shillings, be allowed and paid out of the Treasury, by order of his Excellency the President.

Sent up by Maj. Child.[1]

[1] This member is given the title of Colonel in the original printed journal of this session.

Voted, That the account of Capt. Josiah Gilman, amounting to six pounds eleven shillings, be allowed and paid out of the Treasury, by order of his Excellency the President.

Sent up by Maj. Child.

The committee on the account of Col. Supply Clapp, reported that he be allowed, five hundred and ninety-five pounds, four shillings, in full for monies advanced by him, and for his services as commissary of prisoners, and that his Excellency the President give order accordingly. Signed, Woodbury Langdon, for the committee.

Which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Maj. Child.

The committee on the account of Capt. Moses Woodward, reported that he have and receive out of the Treasury, twenty-three pounds eleven shillings and six pence, in full for the ballance of his account as commissary, and that his Excellency the President, give order accordingly. Signed, Woodbury Langdon, for the committee.

Which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Maj. Child.

The committee to consider what allowance shall be made the Secretary for his services prior to the taking place of the present Constitution, reported that he be allowed twenty pounds, in full for his services, prior to the taking place of the New Constitution.

Signed, Timothy Walker, for the committee.

Which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted, and that his Excellency the President give order accordingly.

Sent up by Mr. Smith.

* Adjourned to three o'clock, P. M. * 12 : 662

Met accordingly.

The committee to consider in what manner the Excise shall be sold, &c. reported as their opinion, that Nathaniel Peabody, Joseph Gilman, and Thomas Odiorne, Esq'rs, be a committee for the County of Rockingham ; that John Wentworth, Jonathan Wentworth, and Caleb Hodgdon, Esq'rs, be a committee for the county of Strafford ; that Francis Blood, Robert Means, and Moses Nichols, Esq'rs, be a committee for the county of Hillsborough ; that Simeon Olcott, Elijah Grout, and Samuel Hunt, Esq'rs, be a committee for the county of Cheshire ; That Timothy Bedel, Charles Johnston, and Moses Dow, Esq'rs, be a committee for the county of Grafton ; to make sale of the Excise in the several counties of this State for the current year, agreeably to the laws of the State. —— The one half of said

Excise to be sold for cash, the other half for orders on the Treasury for cash. Signed, Timothy Walker, for the committee.

Which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted, and that the said Excise be sold before the first day of February next.

Sent up by Major Gains.

The Secretary came down and informed the House, that his Excellency the President has adjourned the General-Court, to the second Wednesday of February next, then to meet at Concord, agreeably to the vote of both branches of the Legislature.

JOURNAL OF THE SENATE

CONTAINING THE PROCEEDINGS FROM

FEBRUARY 10, 1785, TO FEBRUARY 24, 1785.

JOURNAL OF THE SENATE.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

* At a Session of the General Court, began and held at * 2 : 1 Concord on Wednesday the Ninth Day of February, Anno Domini, One thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty Five, and of the Sovereignty and Independence of the United States of America the Ninth.

PRESENT IN SENATE,

The Honorable Woodbury Langdon,
John McClary,
John Langdon,
Timothy Walker,
Ebenezer Smith and
Francis Blood,
} Esquires.

* THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10th, 1785. * 2 : 2

Present as yesterday with the addition of the Hon. Matthew Thornton, and Joseph Gilman, Esquires. The Honorable Enoch Hale, Esqr attended, and after having the usual Oaths administered to him, took his Seat at the Board.

His Excellency the President not being able to attend the Senate, the Honorable Woodbury Langdon, Esqr Senior Senator took the Chair.

A Vote that Mr Gilman, Mr J. Langdon, and Mr Smith be a Committee to join such of the Honorable House of Representatives as they shall appoint, to Consider of business necessary to be done this Session, and report thereon, was sent down for Concurrence by Mr Blood ; and was brought up concurred and joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate to Consider of the memorial and petition of Daniel Rindge and Others, Merchants in Portsmouth, and all Similar Matters, and report thereon, was brought up, read and Concurred ; and Mr J. Langdon and Mr Thornton were joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate to Consider of the Petition of Moses Burbank and report thereon, was brought up, read and Concurred and Mr Blood and Mr Smith were joined.

A Vote to pay George Atkinson, Esqr ten pounds, two Shillings, for a State Seal, which he provided, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to pay John Sparhawk, Esqr Four pounds, for two books for records for the Secretary's office, was brought up, read and Concurred.

* 2 : 3 * A Vote on the Petition of the town of Hancock, appointing a Committee to Fix a place for their Meeting House to Stand on, was brought up read and Concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to Consider of the Petition of Doctor Edmund Chadwick, and report thereon, was brought up, read and Concurred ; and Mr Thornton and Mr Blood were joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to draught all public bills that may be wanted this Session was brought up, read and Concurred ; and Mr J. Langdon was joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to examine into the State of the treasury, and report thereon, was brought up, read and Concurred ; and Mr Gilman and Mr J. Langdon were joined.

A Vote to grant the prayer of the Petition of the agents of the Proprietors of Tamworth, Moultonborough, and Sandwich, and giving them leave to bring in a bill authorizing a Committee to Settle the boundary lines of said towns, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to Consider of the Petition of John Wendell Esqr and report thereon, was brought up, read and Concurred ; and Mr Walker and Mr Smith were joined.

Adjourned 'till tomorrow, nine o'Clock, A. M.

FRIDAY, February 11, 1785.

Met according to adjournment.

Present as yesterday.

* 2 : 4 An Act to establish a Seal, to be used as a great Seal of * this State, having been read three times, it was voted that the same pass to be Enacted ; was sent down for Concurrence by Mr Blood and Mr Smith ; and was brought up Concurred.

A Vote to grant Samuel Houston, late one of Gen. Washington's life guard, the depreciation of Wages as other Soldiers have been paid, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote granting the Prayer of the Petition of the Inhabitants of

Rye, and giving them leave to send a Representative exclusive of New Castle, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote on the Petition of Joseph Lee, was brought up, read and non Concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate to Consider of the Petitions from Kingstown, Sandown, Rye &c, and report thereon, was brought up, read and Concurred; and Mr Blood, Mr McClary, Mr Smith and Mr Hale were joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to Consider of the Petitions from New-Ipswich, Temple &c. was brought up, read and Concurred; and Mr McClary, Mr Smith, Mr Blood and Mr Hale were joined.

A Vote to hear the Petition of the Selectmen of Winchester on the Second Thursday of Next Session, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to grant the Prayer of the Petition of Elizabeth Butler, and giving her leave to bring in a bill accordingly, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to consider of the Petition of the Selectmen of Conway, and report thereon, was brought up, read and Concurred; and Mr McClary and Mr Smith were joined.

A Vote to hear the Petition of Several Inhabitants of the towns of Wolfborough, and Middletown, on the Second * wednesday of next Session, was brought up, read and Concurred. *2 : 5

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to consider of the Petition of Samuel Lowell and report thereon, was brought up, read and Concurred; and Mr Smith and Mr Hale were joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate to Consider of the best method to Settle with those towns for supplying Soldiers families, who have not been paid, was brought up, read and concurred; and Mr Thornton and Mr Gilman were joined.

A Vote to pay the roll of Lt. Meshach Bell, amounting to Sixty pounds; also his accompt for wood amounting to four Pounds, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to consider of the Petition of Jonathan Elliot and report thereon, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to Consider of the petition of Capt Moses Woodward and report thereon, was brought up, read and Concurred; Mr Walker, Mr Gilman and Mr J. Langdon were joined.

A Vote that the Committee for drafting bills, prepare and lay before this house a bill for preventing constables, Collectors and Others trading on public Monies, &c. was brought up read and Concurred.

A Vote to grant the prayer of the petition of Jeremiah Prescott, and giving him leave to bring in a bill accordingly was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to grant the prayer of the petition of Mary Hart and giving her leave to bring in a bill to enable her to sell a Certain interest belonging to her Children, for their Support was brought up, read and Concurred.

* 2 : 6 * A Vote to grant the prayer of the petition of the Inhabitants of Ossipee-Gore, and giving them Leave to bring in a bill for a corporation of said Place, under sertain restrictions, was brought up, read and Concurred.

Adjourned 'till tomorrow, nine o'clock, A. M.

SATURDAY, February 12, 1785.

Met according to Adjournment.
Present as Yesterday.

An Act ascertaining the rates at which coined Silver and gold, and English half pence and Farthings may pass with in this State, having been read three times, it was Voted that the Same pass to be enacted.

A Petition of Solomon Robbins, praying for the grant of an exclusive right to keep a ferry over Connecticutt river, was brought up with a vote thereon ; that the Petitioner be heard on his said Petition on the Second Thursday of next Sitting of the General Court, which was read and Concurred.

A Vote to grant Jonathan Eliott, late a Soldier in this State's Service, in the year one Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Six, a month's pay, which had been neglected to be paid, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to Consider of the accompt of Robert Gerrish and report thereon was brought up, read and Concurred ; and Mr Walker were joined.

A Vote to pay the accompt of John Duncan Esqr for his time and expences in holding meetings in Several unincorporated places, by order of the General Court, amounting to three Pounds eighteen Shillings, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate to consider of the Petition of Lt. Daniel McMurphy, and report thereon, was brought up read and Concurred.

A Vote to hear the Petition of James Saunders, on the Second Wednesday of next Session, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate to Consider of the Petition of Enoch Hale Esqr and report * thereon, was brought up, read and Concurred; Mr Walker and Mr Thornton were joined. * 2:7

A Vote granting the prayer of the Petition of Doctor Edmund Chadwick, allowing him depreciation of wages for a certain time as a Surgeon in the army, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote allowing Samuel Lowell, Six pounds on accompt of his Sufferings and Sickness, While a Prisoner in the late war, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote on the Petition of Simeon Barrett and Isaac Barrett praying that said Isaac may be Impowered to Collect certain taxes in Nottingham West, unpaid to their late Father who was Constable of said town, granting the Prayer thereof, and giving them leave to bring in a bill according, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to hear the Petition of Charity Lund on the First Friday of next Sessions, was brought up, read and Concurred.

Adjourned till Monday, 3 o'clock P. M.

MONDAY FEBRUARY 14, 1785.

Met according to adjournment.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate to Consider of the Petition of Peter de Sausse, and report thereon, was brought up, read and Concurred and Mr Walker and Mr Olcott were joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate to Consider what Sum shall be raised as a Tax for the Current year, &c. was brought up, read and Concurred; Mr Blood,* Mr. J. Langdon, Mr Olcott and Mr Smith were joined. * 2:8

A Vote to abate the tax of the town of Conway one fifteenth part for the years one thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty two, and one Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty three, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to consider of the Accompt of Elljah Grout Esqr and report thereon, was brought up, read and Concurred; Mr J. Langdon and Mr Gilman were joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to consider the Petition of the Selectmen of Marlow, and all Similar matters, and report thereon, was brought up, read and Concurred; Mr Thornton, and Mr Hale were joined.

A Vote to grant the Prayer of the Petition of the Inhabitants of

Kingstown and Others, regulating several Matters in the militia, was brought up read and Concurred.

Adjourned till tomorrow, nine o'clock, A. M.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1785.

Met according to adjournment.

Present as last week, with the addition of Mr Olcott,

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to consider of a letter from Daniel Newcomb Esqr and report thereon, was brought up, read and Concurred; Mr Thornton, Mr Hale and Mr J. Langdon were joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to consider of the accompt of Jonathan Child, and report thereon, was brought up, read and Concurred; and Mr J. Langdon and Mr Gilman were joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to Consider what is necessary to be done respecting the new emission money, issued by this State, and Outstanding, was brought
*2:9 up, read and Concurred; and Mr Olcott and Mr McClary * were joined.

A Vote to pay the Accompt of Robert Gerrish for Printing the journals of the house of Representatives at their first Session in June, 1784, amounting to thirty two pounds ten shillings was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote granting the Prayer of the Petition of Peter de Sausse and giving him leave to bring in a bill to naturalize himself and family, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate to Consider of the Petition of Capt. Lemuel Holmes, and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred; and Mr Blood, and Mr Smith and Mr Walker were joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to consider of the Petition of James Turner, and report thereon, was brought up, read and Concurred; and Mr Olcott and Mr Gilman were joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to consider of the propriety of appointing Surveyors of land in this State, was brought up, read and concurred; and Mr Gilman and Mr Smith were joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to consider of the accompt of Benjamin Bigelow, and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred; and Mr Blood, and Mr J. Langdon were joined.

A resolve that those certificates which have been appropriated to be received in payment of Several and Particular taxes, shall be received by the Treasurer, in Payment of all taxes now due, or shall here after be due to this State; excepting the Second tax issued in 1781 to be paid in paper Bills, called the new emission, was sent down for Concurrence; and was brought up concurred.

A Vote to put of[f] the hearing of the Petition of Thomas Pinkham * untill the first Tuesday of next Session, was * 2 : 10 brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to pay the balance of the Accompt of Elijah Grout Esqr amounting to Sixty Six Pounds four shillings and three Pence, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to consider of the Petition of the Selectmen of Cornish and report thereon, was brought up, read and Concurred; and Mr Gilman and Mr Smith were joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate to nominate a Committee to wait on the Legislature of the State of Massachusetts and confer with them about measures to be taken relative to commerce, &c. was brought up, read and concurred; and Mr Olcott and M^r McClary were joined.

A Vote to grant the prayer of the Petition of Sarah Ross, and giving her Leave to bring in a bill accordingly, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote to pay the accompt of Capt Aaron Kinsman amounting to five Pounds four shillings, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate to Consider of the table of fees, and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred; and Mr Thornton, Mr J. Langdon, and M^r McClary were joined.

Adjourned till tomorrow, nine o'clock, A. M.

WEDNESDAY, February 16, 1785.

Met according to adjournment.
Present as Yesterday.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to consider of the bill brought in for Laying an Impost, &c, was brought up, read and Concurred, and Mr Olcott, Mr Walker, and Mr Gilman were joined.

A Vote to allow James Turner, late a Soldier in Col. Jackson's* Regiment, the like depreciation of wages as other * 2 : 11 Soldiers have received, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to pay Samuel Fowler, Thirty Shillings, as an express to Charlestown, was brought up, read and Concurred.

An Act for the naturalization of Peter de Sausse, Ilulia, his wife Mary Este, his daughter and Adrian his Son, was read a third time, and voted that the Same be enacted.

An act authorizing and Impowering Leonard Whiting Esqr to levy or extend an Execution recovered by him upon the estate of Benjamin Whiting, Esqr was read a third time and voted that the Same be Enacted.

An Act to Commit the sole administration of the Estate of Jeremiah Prescott, late of Epping, deceased, Intestate, into the hands of his Son, Jeremiah Prescott, was read a third time, and Voted that the same be Enacted.

An act Impowering Elizabeth Butler to Prosecute actions in her own Name, was read a third time, and voted that the Same be enacted.

An Act to Impower Isaac Barrett, of Nottingham West, to collect certain taxes in said town, having been read a third time, it was Voted that the Same be Enacted.

A Vote to pay the Accompt of Benjamin Bigelow, for provisions and Other Necessaries For the Soldiers at the fort at New Castle, amounting to Forty pounds twelve Shillings and One Penny, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to put off the hearing of the Petition of Thomas Parsons and Others, to the Second Friday of next Session was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate to Consider of the Petition of John Holbrook, and report thereon, was brought up, read and Concurred; and Mr Blood and Mr Wentworth were joined.

Adjourned 'till tomorrow, nine o'Clock, A. M.

* 2 : 12 * THURSDAY, February 17, 1785.

Met according to adjournment.

Present as yesterday: with the addition of Mr Wentworth.

An Act to alter and establish the times and Places of holding the Several Courts of Judicature within this State, was read a third time and voted that the same be Enacted.

A Vote directing the Treasurer to receive paper bills of the new emission, from the holders, and give certificates therefor, at the rate of one Pound for three of said new Emission and that said Certificates be received for taxes, &c. was brought up read and non Concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to nominate three Proper Persons to be appointed a Committee to revise the table of fees for this State, was brought up, read and Concurred; and Mr Wentworth, Mr Walker and Mr J. Langdon were joined.

A Vote giving Leave to the Inhabitants of sundry towns at upper Cohos (so called) to Send a Representative to the General Court, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote appointing John Langdon and Christopher Toppan Esquires, a Committee to wait on the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and Confer with them relative to sundry matters relative to Commerce, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate to Consider of the Petition of Ebenezer Torrey, and report thereon, was brought up, read and Concurred; and Mr Wentworth and Mr Blood were joined.

A Vote granting the prayer of the Petition of James Robertson, and giving him leave to bring in a bill allowing him the exclusive privilege of keeping a Ferry over Merrimack river, within certain limits, was brought up, read and Concurred.

* A Vote on the Petition of several Inhabitants of the town * 2 : 13
of Hillsborough, granting the prayer thereof, and giving
them leave to bring in a bill accordingly, was brough [t] up, read and Concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate to consider of the Petition of Thomas Simpson, and report thereon, was brought up, read and Concurred; and Mr Wentworth and Mr J. Langdon were joined.

A Vote, that Thursday the 14th day of April next be Observed as a day of Public Fasting, humiliation and prayer throughout this State, and that the president issue a proclamation for that purpose; was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote Granting leave to the town of Washington to bring in a bill to enable them to levy a tax on Lands of non-residents, to enable them to repair their Highways, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to put of the hearing of the Petition of Colonel Jonathan Chase, until the first Tuesday of next Session, was brought up, read and Concurred.

Adjourned 'till to-morrow, nine o'clock.

FRIDAY, February 18, 1785.

Met according to adjournment

Present as yesterday.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Com[m]ittee of the Senate, to consider of a letter from General Sullivan, and report thereon, was brought up, read and Concurred : and Mr Gilman and Mr Blood were joined.

A Vote to grant the Prayer of the Petition of the guardian of the heirs of Philip Eastman, late of Walpole, deceased, in this State, giving them Leave to bring in a bill to enable them to Sell
* 2 : 14 the Estate of said deceased, was brought up, read and * Concurred.

A Vote to give leave to the Inhabitants of New London in this State to bring in a bill to enable them to raise a tax in said town to purchase highways, &c. was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate to draught Instructions for the committee appointed to confer with the General Court of Massachusetts, was brought up, read and Concurred ; and Mr Olcott, Mr Walker and Mr Thornton were joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate to consider of the Accompt of Solomon Wheeler, and report thereon, was brought up, read and Concurred ; and Mr Wentworth and Mr Smith were joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate to consider of the petition of the Selectmen of Dunbarton, and report thereon, was brought up, read and Concurred ; and Mr Smith and Mr Walker were joined.

A Vote for the Treasurer to receive of the Constables of Marlow and Alstead, Sundry sums of the Old continental bills Collected for taxes in the year 1781, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate to consider of a proposed bill to ascertain the right and to Confirm the property of Certain lands in Several Townships in this State, was brought up, read and Concurred ; and Mr Olcott and Mr Walker were joined.

A Vote to hear the Petition of Thomas Bartlet, Esqr (praying for Leave to sell certain Lands of his wards) on the Second Wednesday of next Session, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote for the trustees on confiscated estates, who have proceeded in the sale of part of such estates to Immediately
* 2 : 15 sell * the remainder, and render an Account as soon as may be, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote for a committee to join a Committee of the Senate to Consider of the Petitions of John Stark, Esqr and George Jaffrey, Esqr and report thereon, was brought up, read and Concurred; and Mr Walker, Mr Olcott and Mr Smith were joined.

A Vote to pay Thomas Bickford, the balance of his Accompt amounting to thirty-nine pounds, fourteen Shillings and Six Pence, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to pay John Holbrook Forty-five pounds, in full of all his claim for supplying Soldiers at the uper Cohos, during the late war, was brought up read and Concurred.

A Vote to Exchange the numbers of the regiments of militia numbered twelve and twenty-three as last arranged, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate to Consider of the Petition of Daniel Reynold's, and others, Captains in the Service of this State in the Late war, was brought up, read and concurred; and Mr Smith and Mr Thornton were joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate to nominate two persons, one of whom to be appointed to preach a Sermon at the meeting of the next General Court, was brought up, read and Concurred: and Mr Thornton and Mr Langdon were joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate to consider what business is yet Necessary to be done this Session, and when this Court shall adjourn; also what pay the members of the Court shall receive this Session for their travel and attendance, was brought up, read and Concurred; and M^r McClary and Mr Walker * were joined. * 2 : 16

A Vote to allow the town of Keen, three Pounds one Shilling and Six Pence half penny, hard money, and twenty-seven Shillings and eleven Pence, new emission, for taxes laid on the estate of Elijah Williams, an absentee, for the years one thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-one and one thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty two; also, twenty two Pounds nineteen shillings and three Pence three Farthings, Silver Money, and ten pounds nine Shillings, new emission, for taxes on land of Josiah Pomeroy, an absentee, for the years, one thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-two, and One thousand Seven hundred and Eighty three and that the same be discounted out of the taxes due from said town, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to allow the town of Hollis out of their Taxes Seventeen Shillings and two pence one farthing, for taxes laid on land of Col. William Brown, an absentee in the year one thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty two, was brought up, read and Concurred.

Adjourned till to'morrow, nine o'clock.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1785.

Met according to adjournment.
Present as Yesterday.

A Vote that Mr Walker and Mr Hale be a Committee to join a Committee of the Honorable House, to consider of the Propriety of appointing some one of the Printers in this State to be the State Printer and of the Method of agreeing with such Printer to do the business in the best and Cheapest manner, was sent down for Concurrence by Mr Wentworth.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate
* 2 : 17 to Consider of the petition of the Selectmen of Plainfield,*
and to report thereon, was brought up, read and Concurred ; and Mr Wentworth and Mr Olcott were joined.

A Vote that Joseph Roberts, junr who lost his arm in the expedition against Penobscot, be enrolled to receive half pay, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to restore Ebenezer Torrey to his law in a certain case wherein he was defaulted, and giving him Leave to bring in a bill accordingly, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote for Thomas Simpson, (who was wounded at the battle on Behmus's heights) to be allowed one quarter part of his wages from the time of his being Struck off the Pension list to this time, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote for Jonathan Emerson (who was wounded at the battle on Behmus's heights) to be enrolled for half-pay from the Present time, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate to examine what towns or places were neglected in the last proportion of taxes, and report thereon, was brought up, read and Concurred ; and Mr Gilman and Mr Smith were joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to Consider of the Petitions of William Moulton and Nathan Ordway, and report thereon, was brought up, read and non Con-curred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate to Consider of the Petition of Jeremiah Spencer, and report thereon, was brought up, read and Concurred; and Mr Olcott and Mr Wentworth were joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate to consider of the Petition of Capt James Martin and report thereon, was brought up, read and Concurred ; Mr Blood and Mr McClary were joined.

* A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Sen- * 2 : 18
ate to Consider of the Petition of Elijah Blodget, and report thereon, was brought up, read and Concurred; and Mr Langdon and Mr Olcott were joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate to Consider of the Petition of R. Freeman in behalf of the town of Hanover, and report thereon, was brought up, read and Concurred. Mr Wentworth and Mr Smith were joined.

A Vote to hear the Petition of Timothy Walker and Others on the Second Friday of next Session, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote on the Petition of the Selectmen of Plainfield, directing sundry matters relative to the raising of the State taxes in said town, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate to Consider of the Petition of Benjamin Davis, and report thereon, was brought up, read and Concurred; Mr Thornton and Mr Hale were joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate to Consider of the Petition of Leonard Whiting, Esqr and report thereon, was brought up, read and Concurred; Mr J. Langdon and Mr Olcott were joined.

A Vote to pay Gen. John Sullivan, in addition to what has been already Voted him for his Service, as a delegate to Congress And agent for the State, &c. the sum of one hundred and ten pounds, was brought up, read and Concurred.[1]

Adjourned till Monday next three o'Clock, P. M.

MONDAY, February 21 1785.

Met according to adjournment.
The Whole Senate were Present.

An Act to Impower Sarah Ross of Portsmouth, widow to sell the Interest in a Certain dwelling house, and Land, Situate in
Portsmouth * aforesaid, was read a third time, and voted that * 2 : 19
the same be Enacted.

An Act to Impower Mary Hart, of Portsmouth, widow, to sell the Interest of her two Children, minors, under the age of twelve years having been read a third time, and Voted that the Same be Enacted.

A Vote that the paper bills, called the new emission money issued by this State, not yet redeemed, shall be received by the Treasurer of this State, towards the payment of all taxes due, or that shall be hereafter due, at the rate of three of said new emission for one silver

[1] Ham. Miscl. Prov. Papers, Vol. xviii. 748.

dollar, on the Principal only no Interest on said bills to be calculated, was sent down for Concurrence, and brought up Concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate to nominate proper persons to devise proper Checks for Impressing new blank notes, to redeem the State Securities now outstanding, and to superintend the press, and see said blanks struck of &c. was brought up, read and Concurred; and Mr Gilman and Mr Dow were joined.

Adjourned till tomorrow nine o'clock A. M.

TUESDAY, February 22, 1785.

Met according to adjournment.
Present as Yesterday.

A Vote to allow Capt Daniel Reynolds and Others, Captains in a regiment raised in this State, and who served in the State of Rhode Island in the year one Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Eight the depreciation of wages as officers in the Continental army have been Paid, was brought up, read and Concurred.

An Act to incorporate a place called Ossipee Gore, in the County of Strafford, was read a third time, and Voted, that the same be enacted.

* 2 : 20 * An Act to Impower a Committee to settle and fix the boundaries and lines between the township of Sandwich and Moultonborough and Sandwich and Tamworth, having been read a third time was voted that the same be enacted.

An Act to enable the Selectmen of Washington to tax Certain Lands in said town, for the Purposes therein mentioned, having been read a third time, it was Voted that the same be enacted.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate to consider of the Petition of Samuel Atkinson, and report thereon, was brought up, read and non-Concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate to consider what exercise is best to be used by the militia of this State, was brought up, read and Concurred; and Mr Smith, Mr Dow and Mr Walker were joined.

A Vote to hear the Petition of the Selectmen of Merrimack, on the first Tuesday of next session, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate to consider of the grants necessary to be made to the President, Secretary, Attorney General, Justices of the Superior Court, and Commissary-General, was brought up, read and Concurred; and Mr McClary, Mr Dow and Mr Blood were joined.

A Vote that the Rev. Jeremy Belknap be appointed and requested

to preach a Sermon at Portsmouth, on Thursday the Second of June next, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate to Consider of the propriety of the repealing of the whole, or part of an Act of the late Province, prescribing forms of Oaths in Certain Cases, was brought up, read and Concurred ; and Mr Olcott and Mr Wentworth were joined.

* A Vote for adding Mr Duncan and Mr Adams to the committee for draughting bills, was brought up, read and Concurred. * 2 : 21

A Vote for paying the accompt of Nicholas Nicolle, amounting to four Pounds Six Shillings and four Pence, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to Consider what allowance shall be made the Rev. gentlemen, who have been Chaplains for the General Court the present year, was brought up, read and Concurred ; and Mr Wentworth was joined.

A Vote that the pay for travel and attendance of the General Court, and their officers shall be the Same as at the last Court, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to pay Jeremiah Eames for himself and Elijah Blodget, twenty-one pounds twelve Shillings, for so much paid by them in 1781 to indians of Cohos, for Conducting persons there who had been Prisoners in Canada, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote to make an allowance to Capt Lemuel Holmes, of thirty Pounds toward his sufferings while a Prisoner at new York, to be accounted, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to hear the Petition of Gen. John Stark and George Jaffrey, Esqr on the Second Thursday of next Session, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to pay the wages of John George, and Robert Jones Soldiers, who served at Coos, in the year one thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty two, was brought up, read and non-Concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the senate * to Consider of the Petition and memorial of Jedediah Jewett and report thereon, was brought up, read and Concurred ; and Mr Walker and Mr. J. Langdon were joined. * 2 : 22

A resolve for Settling the bounties and Supplies of Soldiers families for such Soldiers who served in the Continental army, a term of time less than three years, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate to Consider of the Petition of Col. Henry Gerrish, and Others, and report thereon, was brought up, read and Concurred ; and Mr Walker and Mr Thornton were joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate to Consider of the Accompt of Doctor Henry Codman, and others and report thereon, was brought up, read and Concurred; and Mr Walker and Mr Thornton were joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate to Consider of the Petition of the Selectmen of Swanzy, and report thereon, was brought up, read and Concurred; and Mr Hale and Mr Blood were joined.

A Vote to grant the exclusive right of keeping a Ferry over Merrimack River, in Concord, to Lemuel Tucker, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to hear the Petition of Leonard Whiting, on the Second Wednesday of next Session, was brought up, read and non-Concurred.

An Act to repeal part of an Act passed in the fourth year of the reign of the late King George the First, entitled "an Act for the establishing forms of Oaths," was read a third time and Voted that the same be Enacted.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate to Consider of the Petition of Israel Morey, Esqr and report thereon, was brought up, read and non-Concurred.

Adjourned till tomorrow nine o'clock, A. M.

*2:23 *WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY [23] 1785.

Met according to adjournment
Present as yesterday

A Vote to enable Henry Gerrish and Others to bring in a bill for raising by Lottery, Sixteen Hundred dollars to be laid out in clearing the rocks in Merrimack River, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate to Consider of the Petition of James Houston, and report thereon, was brought up, read and Concurred; and Mr Dow and Mr Smith were joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate to Consider of the Petition of Ephraim Adams, in behalf of John Thomas, and report thereon, was brought up, read and Concurred; and Mr Wentworth and Mr. Dow were joined.

A Vote to pay Joseph Jones, Collector of proprietors taxes for the town of Rumney, twenty-one pounds nine Shillings for taxes assessed on lands in said town of Samuel Holland Esqr's an absentee, was brought up, read and Concurred.

An Act to Impower the guardians of the heirs of Philip Eastman, late of Walpole, deceased, to sell all the real Estate of the said Heirs

for the payment of debts, and the Support of the said Heirs, was read a third time, and Voted that the same be enacted.

An Act to enable the inhabitants of New London, to tax certain lands for the purposes therein me[n]tioned, having been read a third time, it was Voted that the same be Enacted.

An Act to vest the exclusive Privilege of keeping a ferry over a Certain part of Merrimack River, in James Robertson of Bow, was read a third time, and voted that the same be enacted.

A Vote that the Hon. John Sullivan Esqr Attorney General * of this State, to receive out of the treasury, Seventy five Pounds as a Salary for the Current year, was brought up, read and Concurred. * 2 : 24

A Vote that Ebenezer Thompson, Esqr Secretary of this State have and receive forty pounds, as a Salary for the Current year, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to pay the balance of the Accompt of Major Jonathan Child, against the State, amounting to Seventy-five pounds ten Shillings and nine Pence, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to pay John T. Gilman, Esqr Treasurer of the State two hundred and forty Pounds, in full for his Salary, &c. for the Current year, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate to Consider of the Accompt of John Young and report thereon, was brought up, read and Concurred ; Mr Olcott and Mr Blood were joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate to nominate Six persons, three of whom to be appointed a Committee to settle the Accompts of the Treasurer, the board of war and Collector of rum tax, was brought up, read and Concurred ; Mr Walker, Mr Blood and Mr Dow were joined.

An Act for raising the sum of twenty Thousand Pounds for the use of this State the present year, having been read a third time, it was voted that the same be enacted.

A Vote to enroll Samuel Fugard, a Soldier in the late war agreeable to a resolve of Congress, of the 23rd of April 1782 was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate to consider of the Petition of John Wheelock, President of Dartmouth College, and report thereon, was brought up, read and Concurred ; and Mr Hale and Mr Thornton were joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate to Consider * of a letter from John T. Gilman, Esqr Treasurer of the State, and report thereon, was brought up, read and Concurred ; and Mr. J. Langdon and Mr Olcott were joined. * 2 : 25

A Vote to accept the report of the Committee to consider of what Standards are most proper to be used by the militia, And what exercise shall be Practised by said Militia, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to have fifteen hundred of Baron St[e]uben's exercise printed and disposed among the militia of this State, was brought up, read and non-Concurred.

A Vote appointing Joseph Gilman, Nathaniel Peabody and John Parker, Esquires, a Committee to devise proper Checks to be used in the Bills to be issued to redeem the State Notes was brought up, read and Concurred.

Adjourned till to-morrow, nine o'clock A. M.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24 1785.

Met according to adjournment.
Present as Yesterday

An Act to vest the exclusive privilege of keeping a Ferry over a Certain part of Merrimack River, in Lemuel Tucker, of Concord, his heirs and assigns, was read a third time, and voted that the same be Enacted.

A Vote giving instructions to John Langdon and Christopher Toppan, Esq;rs to govern them in their message to the General Court of the Massachusetts, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate to consider of the Petition of David Corser, and report thereon, was brought up, read and Concurred; and Mr Dow and Mr Gilman were joined.

A Vote to hear the Petition of the Committee of Cockermouth,* on the Second Friday of next Session, was brought up, read and Concurred.

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A Vote to accept the report of the Committee on the petition of the Selectmen of Dunbarton, respecting John Stinson, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to Consider of the Accompt of Timothy Walker, Esqr and report thereon, was brought up, read and Concurred; and Mr Dow and Mr Wentworth were joined.

A Vote to allow the Rev. Docter Haven, the Rev. Mr Buckminster, and the Rev. Mr Shuttlesworth, thirty Shillings each for attending and Praying with the General Court within the year Past, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote desiring the judge of Probate of Wills, &c. for the County of Hillsborough, to allow Six Months longer to the Creditors of

Zacheus Cutler, an absentee, to exhibit their Claims to the commissioner on said Estate, was brought up, read and Concurred.

An Act for paying the Interest, and part of the Principal of the Public Securities of this State, and issuing new notes, also for paying a further Interest on Continental Securities having been read a third time, was voted that the same be Enacted.

A Vote on the Petition of John Wheelock President of Dartmouth College ; was brought up, read and non-Concurred.

A Vote for granting John T. Gilman, Esqr for his service as Treasurer, for Salary, Clerks, Office hire expences attending the General Court, &c. the Sum of three Hundred and thirty Pounds annually from June 12th 1783 to June 12th 1785, he accounting for all former grants, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to pay the accompt of Nicholas Nicolle, for his time expences and horse hire, in transporting papers belonging the * Secretary's Office, from Exeter to Concord, amounting to four pounds three Shillings and Eight Pence, was brought up, read and Concurred. * 2 : 27

A Vote appointing the Hon. Josiah Bartlet Esqr John Parker and John Calfe, Esq'rs a Committee to examine the Accompts of the treasurer, Board of War, and Collector of rum tax, in the recess of the General Court, and make report next Session, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to hear the Petition of Nathaniel Foster, on the Second Wednesday of next Session, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A resolve impowering his Excellency the President to give order to the treasurer, to allow all receipts given by Jonathan Child to the Collectors of the County of Grafton, in consequ[e]nce of orders the Said Child received from the Committee of Safety, dated September 6th 1783 which the said Child hath accounted for, agreeable to his Orders, as by this Accompt now on file in the Secretary's Office may appear, was brought up, read and Concurred.

An Act for raising by a Lottery, the Sum of Sixteen Hundred dollars, to be laid out on the Falls in Merrimack River, for the more easey Conveyance of timber down the Same, having been read a third time, was Voted that the Same be Enacted.

A Vote to pay the Accompt of Timothy Walker, amounting to twenty pounds, for the Use of Rooms, &c. for the General Court from the 1st of June 1784, to 25 February 1785, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to pay the Accompt of John Calfe, Esqr for recording and copying for the Press, the journals of the house of Representatives, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote on the Petition of Roger Enos was brought up, read and non-Concurred.

A Vote to pay the Accompt of the Hon. Samuel Livermore for attending the General Court this Session, draughting bills, &c. the sum of twelve pounds, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote that the Hon. Timothy Farrar, Esqr be added to
* 2 : 28 the * Commissioners for the County of Hillsborough, to administer the Oaths as by law appointed, to the Civil and military officers within said County, and he is hereby impowered, together with one of the Council, or one of the Commissioners to administer the said Oaths, agreeable to the Constitution and the Laws of said State ; and that Ebenezer Thompson Esqr be added to the Commissioners for the County of Strafford, and Joseph Gilman Esqr be added to the Commissioners for the County of Rockingham, and James Woodward, Esqr be added to the Commissioners for the County of Grafton, for the Purposes and in the Manner above mentioned, was sent down for Concurrence, and was brought up, Concurred.

A Vote to pay the Accompt of Caleb Buswell for waiting on the House of Representatives this Session, amounting to three Pounds three Shillings, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote on the Petition of Jedediah Jewett, was brought up, read and non-concurred.

A Vote that Either of the Members of Council, with either of the Commissioners be appointed to administer the Necessary Oaths to Officers civil and military in this State, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to hear the Petition of David Corser on the Second Wednesday of next Session, was brought up, read and Concurred.

Adjourned till tomorrow nine o'clock, A. M.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1785.

Met according to adjournment.

A Vote to pay the Accompt of Joseph Pearson, Esqr for paper and Other things, Purchased for the State amounting to three Pounds eleven Shillings, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to pay the Accompt of Nicholas Nicholle, for his time and Expences, waiting on the Senate this term, amounting to three pounds three Shillings, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to hear the Petition of Ebenezer Torrey, on the
* 2 : 29 Second * Tuesday of next Session, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A resolve that the sums due on the Several rolls to the Representatives respectively for attendance in the General Court since the first

Wednesday in June last, be Charged to Several towns and districts they represent, in the tax bill ordered the present Session ; and that Orders drawn by the persons therein named, be received in discharge of the taxes of the Several towns and districts they represent, was sent down for Concurrence and brought up, Concurred.

A Vote that the General Court be now adjourned, to meet again at the State House in Portsmouth, on the 24 day of May next, agreeable to a Vote of a Committee on Necessary business, was brought up, read and Concurred.

The foregoing is a true Journal of the Votes & proceedings of the Senate at the last Session of the General Court for the year 1784 —

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OF THE

HON.BL HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

OF THE

STATE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE,

At their Third Session under the New Constitution, begun and holden at Concord, on the second Wednesday in February, being the ninth day of said month, Anno Domini, One thousand seven hundred and eightyfive, and in the ninth year of the Independence of America.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1785.

Several Members met according to adjournment, but there not being a number sufficient to transact business, agreed to adjourn 'till tomorrow morning nine o'clock.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1785.

The House met according to adjournment.

Voted, That Col. Toppan, Mr. Means, Gen. Badger, Mr. Green, and Mr. Jewett, with such of the honorable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the memorial and petition of Daniel Rindge, Esq. and others, merchants in Portsmouth, and all similar matters, and report thereon. Sent up by Mr. Jewett.

The following vote came down from the honorable Senate for concurrence :

State of New Hampshire.

IN SENATE, February 10, 1785.

Voted, That Mr. Gilman, Mr. J. Langdon, and Mr. Smith be a committee to join with such of the honorable House as they shall appoint, to consider of the business necessary to be done at this session, and report thereon. Sent down for concurrence.

E. Thompson, Secretary.

Which vote was read and concurred, and Major Gains, Col. Toppan, Mr. Smith, Mr. Macgregore, and Gen. Badger joined.

Sent up by Mr. Jewett.

Voted, That Mr. Betton, Col. Runnels, and Col. Hill, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to consider of the petition of Moses Burbank, jun. and all similar matters, and report thereon. Sent up by Col. Runnels.

Upon reading and considering a petition from Hancock, *Voted*, That John Duncan, Esq. Capt. Levi Spaulding, and Dr. John Young, be a committee, at the expence of the petition-
* 12 : 664 ers * to agree on a place for building a meeting-house in said Hancock, and report their proceedings to the General-Court. Sent up by Mr. Duncan.

Voted, That Major Gains, Mr. Smith, Mr. Means, Major Shephard, and Col. Senter, with such of the honorable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider and report what they think necessary to be done with the old Continental money now in the Treasury, and in the hands of individuals in this State.

Sent up by Mr. Duncan.

Voted, That the account of the honorable George Atkinson, Esq. amounting to ten pounds two shillings, be allowed and paid out of the Treasury, by order of the President. Sent up by Mr. Duncan.

Voted, That the account of John Sparhawk, Esq. amounting to four pounds, be allowed and paid out of the Treasury, by order of the President. Sent up by Mr. Duncan.

Voted, That Col. Hill, Mr. Jewett, and Capt. Spaulding, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to consider of the petition of Simeon Barret, and Isaac Barret, and all similar matters, and report thereon. Sent up by Capt. Marsh.

Voted, That Mr. Betton, Col. Runnels, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Dow, and Mr. Chase, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to take under consideration, and report what they may judge necessary to be done respecting horse thieves, and for the encouragement of persons who may prosecute therefor ; also, for the encouragement of those who may prosecute persons concerned in forgeries of any kind. Sent up by Col. Runnels.

Voted, That Col. Runnels, Mr. Betton, and Col. Toppan, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to consider of the petition of Samuel Houston,[1] and all similar matters, and report thereon. Sent up by Col. Runnels.

Adjourned to three o'clock, P. M.

Met accordingly.

**Voted*, ThatMr. Jewett, Mr. Pickering, and Mr. Eastman, with such of the honorable Senate as they may join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Dr. Edmund Chadwick, and report thereon. Sent up by Mr. Eastman. * 12 : 665

Upon reading and considering the petition of Nathaniel Folsom, Samuel Folsom, and Jonathan Moulton, Esq'rs, *Voted*, That the prayer thereof be granted; and that the petitioners have leave to bring in a bill accordingly. Sent up by Major Pickering.

Voted, That Major Gains, Gen. Badger, Mr. Macgregore, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Jewett, with such of the honorable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to examine into the state of the Treasury, and report thereon. Sent up by Mr. Wallace.

Voted, That Mr. J. Pickering, Mr. Smith, Mr. Green, Major Gains, and Col. Peabody, with such of the honorable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to prepare and lay before this House, all such public bills as may be thought necessary to be passed this session.

Sent up by Mr. Wallace.

Upon reading and considering the petitions from the towns of New-Castle and Rye, *Voted*, That [the prayer of said Petitions be granted and that] the town of Rye, have the privilege of electing a Representative, seperate from the town of New-Castle.

Sent up by Mr. Scribner.

Voted, That Gen. Badger, Mr. Duncan, and Col. Hill, with such of the honorable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of John Wendell, Esq. and report thereon.

Sent up by Major Gains.

The committee on the petition of Samuel Houston,[2] and all similar matters, reported, that the prayer of said Houston's petition be granted; and that he be made up for depreciation by the committee appointed for that purpose, in the usual manner.

Signed, Timothy Walker, for the committee.

Which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted. Sent up by Col. Runnels.

Voted, That Major Pickering, Mr. Jewett, and Col. Runnels, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to

1. xii. Ham. Town Papers, 464. 2. xii. *id.*

consider of the petition and account of Mr. Joseph Leigh, and report thereon. Sent up by Mr. Jewett.

* 12 : 666 *Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1785.

The House met according to adjournment.

An Act ascertaining the rates at which coined silver and gold, and English half-pence and farthings, may pass within this State, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Col. Leavitt and Mr. Jackman.

Upon reading and considering the petition of the Selectmen of Winchester,

Voted, That the petitioners be heard thereon, before the General-Court, on the second Thursday of their next session ; and that in the mean time the petitioners serve the owners of the several dams on Ashewillot-river, in Winchester and Hinsdale, with a copy of the petition, and order of Court thereon, that they, or either of them, may appear and shew cause (if any they have) why the prayer thereof may not be granted. Sent up by Major Gains.

Voted, That Col. Toppan, Major Gains, Col. Runnels, Mr. Betton, Capt. Morrill, Mr. Eastman, Col. Emerson, and Mr. Means, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to consider of the petitions from Kingstown, Sandown, and Rye, and report thereon. Sent up by Col. Leavitt.

Voted, That Mr. Green, Mr. McMurphy, Mr. Jewett, Col. Senter, and Mr. Jenness, with such of the honorable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petitions from New-Ipswich,[1] Peterborough, Temple, Lyndborough,[2] Wilton, Mason, Peterborough-Slip, Hancock, and Society-Land, and report thereon.

Sent up by Mr. Means,

Upon reading and considering the petitions from Lancaster, Northumberland, Stratford, Dartmouth, Piercy, and Cockburn, praying for the privilege of a Representative, *Voted*, That the prayer thereof be granted, and that a precept issue accordingly.

Sent up by Major Gains.

Upon reading and considering the petition of Elizabeth Butler, *Voted*, That the prayer thereof be granted, and that she have leave to bring in a bill accordingly. Sent up by Major Gains.

* 12 : 667 * Upon reading and considering the petition of the inhabitants of part of the towns of Wolfborough and Middletown, *Voted*, That the petitioners be heard thereon, before the Gen-

1. xii. Ham. Town Papers, 742. 2. xii. *id*, 522.

eral-Court, on the second Wednesday of their next session; and that in the mean time the petitioners cause that the substance of their petition, and order of Court thereon, be published in the New-Hampshire Gazette, three weeks successively; and also serve the Selectmen of Wolfborough and Middletown, with a copy of the petition and order of Court, that they, or any person or persons, may then appear and shew cause (if any they have) why the prayer thereof may not be granted. Sent up by Capt. Copeland.

Voted, That Col. Senter, Capt. Marsh, and Gen. Badger, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to consider of the petition of the Selectmen of Conway, and all similar matters, and report thereon. Sent up by Capt. Copeland.

Voted, That the Pay-roll of Lieut. Meshech Bell, Commandant at New-Castle, amounting to sixty pounds; also the account of said Bell, amounting to four pounds, be allowed and paid out of the Treasury, by order of the President. Sent up by Mr. Jenness.

Voted, That Capt. Copp, Col. Runnels, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Kendall, and Major Baker, with such of the honorable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider in what way or manner the towns who advanced bounties to soldiers, or supplies to their families, agreeably to acts or votes of the General-Court, and have not been paid therefor, shall be paid; and report thereon.

Sent up by Capt. Copeland.

Voted, That Major Wiggin, Mr. Betton, and Mr. Robert Wallace, with such of the honorable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Samuel Lowell,[1] and report thereon.

Sent up by Capt. Copeland.

Voted, That the committee for draughting bills, prepare and lay before this House, a bill for preventing Constables, Collectors, and others, trading on public monies; also any other bills mentioned in the report of the committee on necessary business, that are not already drawn. Sent up by Mr. McMurphy.

Adjourned to three o'clock, P. M.

Met accordingly.

* *Voted*, That Mr. Green, Capt. Leavitt, and Major Whitcomb, with such of the honorable Senate as they may join, be a committee to consider of the petition and accounts of Capt. Moses Woodward, and report thereon. Sent up by Major Wiggin. * 12 : 668

Voted, That Mr. Jewett, Major Wentworth, and Col. Runnels, with such of the honorable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Jonathan Eliot,[2] and report thereon.

Sent up by Major Wiggin.

1. xiii. Ham. Town Papers, 629. 2. xi. *id*, 408.

Voted, That Mr. R. Wallace, Mr. McMurphy, and Mr. Smiley, with such of the honorable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of the Selectmen of Rindge,[1] and report thereon. Sent up by Major Pickering.

Upon reading and considering the petition of Jeremiah Prescott, *Voted*, That the prayer thereof be granted; and that he have leave to bring in a bill accordingly. Sent up by Major Pickering.

Upon hearing and considering the petition of Mary Hart, *Voted*, That the prayer thereof be granted; and that she have leave to bring in a bill accordingly. Sent up by Capt. Copp.

Upon hearing and considering the petition of the inhabitants of Ossipee-Gore,

Voted, That the prayer thereof be so far granted, as that the petitioners have leave to bring in a bill for an incorporation, under certain restrictions to be therein mentioned. Sent up by Capt. Copp.

Upon hearing and considering the petition of Samuel Potter, *Voted*, That the prayer thereof be granted; and that the Treasurer, by order of the President, issue a new note of the same tenor with the one lost; he, the said Potter, giving sufficient bond that in case the said lost note shall ever be produced to the Treasurer, the said new note, shall be given up, or the value thereof paid into the Treasury.

Sent up by Capt. Spaulding.

Upon reading and considering the petition of Solomon Robbins,[2] *Voted*, That the petitioner be heard thereon, before the General-Court, on the second Thursday of their next session; and that in the mean time the petitioner cause that the substance
* 12 : 669 * of the petition, and order of Court thereon, be published three weeks successively in the New-Hampshire Gazette; and also cause that a copy of said petition, and order of Court thereon, be posted up in some public place in the town of Westmoreland, that any person or persons may then appear and shew cause (if any they have) why the prayer thereof may not be granted.

Sent up by Capt. Copeland.

The committee on the petition of Jonathan Eliot,[3] a soldier in Col. Wyman's regiment, reported, that the prayer thereof be granted; and that the President give order on the Treasurer for the sum of forty shillings. Signed, J. Gilman, for the committee.

Which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Col. Runnels.

Upon reading and considering sundry petitions and an address from the inhabitants of New-Boston, respecting Dr. Jonathan Gove,

1. xiii. Ham. Town Papers, 331. 2. xiii. *id*, 669. 3. xiii. *id*, 629.

Voted, That said petitions be dismissed.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1785.

The House met according to adjournment.

An Act to establish a Seal to be used as the Great Seal of this State, was sent down from the Senate for concurrence, was read three times and concurred.

Sent up by Col. Runnels and Major Wiggin.

Voted, That Col. Runnels, Mr. Betton, and Capt. Copeland, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to consider of the petition of Enoch Hale, Esq.[1] and report thereon.

Sent up by Mr. Jenness.

Upon reading and considering the petition of Henry Little, in behalf of James Saunders,

Voted, That the petitioner be heard thereon, before the General-Court on the second Wednesday of their next session ; and that in the mean time the petitioner cause that Dr. Thaddeus Butler, be served with a copy of the petition and order of Court thereon, that he may then appear and shew cause (if any he hath) why the prayer thereof may not be granted. Sent up Mr. Jenness.

Voted, That Major Gains, Col. Hill, and Col. Runnels, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to consider of the petition of Lieut. Daniel McMurphy, and report thereon.

Sent up by Mr. McMurphy.

* The committee on the petition of Simeon Barret and * 12 : 670
Isaac Barret, reported that the prayer thereof be granted ;
he, the said Isaac Barret, giving bonds to the Selectmen of Nottingham-West, conditioned that he will pay in to the several Treasurers, the sums which his father was ordered to pay, and that the said Isaac have leave to bring in a bill accordingly.

Signed, Francis Blood, for the committee.

Which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Capt. Spaulding.

Voted, That the account of John Duncan, Esq. amounting to three pounds eighteen shillings, be allowed and paid out of the Treasury, by order of the President. Sent up by Major Shephard.

Voted, That Col. Peabody, Col. Hill, Major Pickering, Mr. Chase, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Martin, and Mr. Wallace, with such of the honorable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to take under consider-

1. xiii. Ham. Town Papers, 608.

ation the Table of Fees, and report what alterations they judge necessary. Sent up by Mr. Martin.

Voted, That Capt. Allen, Mr. Adams, and Col. Hill, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to consider of the account of Robert Gerrish, and report thereon.

Sent up by Mr. Wallace.

The committee on the petition of Samuel Lowell,[1] reported as their opinion, that he be allowed six pounds, (on account of his sickness and sufferings whilst a prisoner) and that the said sum be paid out of the Treasury, by order of the President.

Signed, Enoch Hale, for the committee.

Which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Col. Runnels.

The committee on the petition of Dr. Edmund Chadwick, reported, that the prayer thereof be granted.

Signed, M. Thornton, for the committee.

Which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted; and that the committee on depreciation, settle his accounts accordingly.

Sent up by Mr. Eastman.

* 12 : 671 * *Voted*, That Mr. Hall, Major Wiggin, and Mr. Adams, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to consider of the account of Mr. Thomas Bickford, and report thereon. Sent up by Capt. Foss.

Adjourned to Monday next, three o'clock, P. M.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1785.

The House met according to adjournment.

The committee on the petition of the Selectmen of Conway, reported as their opinion, that the town of Conway be abated one fifteenth of their taxes for the years 1782 and 1783.

Signed, Ebenezer Smith, for the committee.

Which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Capt. Fogg.

Voted, That Col. Peabody, Gen. Badger, Mr. Means, Mr. Chase, and Major Baker, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to consider of the petition of Peter Du Sausse, and report thereon. Sent up by Capt. Fogg.

Upon reading and considering the petition of Charity Lund, *Voted*, That the petitioner be heard thereon, before the General-Court, on

1. xiii. Ham. Town Papers, 629.

the first Friday of their next session ; and that in the mean time the petitioner cause that the guardian of James McClure, be served with a copy of the petition, and order of Court thereon, that he may then appear and shew cause (if any he hath) why the prayer thereof may not be granted. Sent up by Mr. Grout.

Voted, That Col. Peabody, Gen. Badger, Mr. Duncan, Col. Payne, Capt. Sumner, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Jewett, with such of the honorable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider what sum is necessary to be raised for the exigencies of the current year ; also, to consider what part of the State securities shall be paid, and in what manner, and report thereon. Sent up by Mr. Grout.

Voted, That Col. Hill, Capt. French, Mr. Martin, Mr. Chase, and Col. Tash, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to consider of the petition of the Selectmen of Marlow,[1] and all similar matters, and report thereon.

Sent up by Mr. Grout.

**Voted*, That Mr. Chase, Mr. Jewett, and Col. Leavitt, * 12 : 672 with such of the honorable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the account of Elijah Grout, Esq. Commissary at Charlestown, and report thereon. Sent up by Mr. Capron.

Upon reading and considering the petition of Nathaniel Foster, of Swanzey, praying to be restored to his law in a certain case,

Voted, That the petitioner be heard thereon, before the General-Court, on the second Wednesday of their next session ; and that in the mean time the petitioner cause that Nathaniel Hill, of Swanzey, be served with a copy of the petition and order of Court thereon, that he may then appear and shew cause (if any he hath) why the prayer thereof may not be granted ; and that all process against said Foster be stayed until the decision of the General-Court.

Sent up by Mr. Capron.

The committee to consider of the petitions from Kingstown, Sandown, and Rye, reported as their opinion, that Rye be rejoined to the first regiment, and that South-Hampton be rejoined to the third regiment ; and that Sandown be rejoined to the Kingstown regiment (so called) and that the said Kingstown regiment, be restored to the number seven ; and the regiment now called number seven, be put to number twenty.

Signed, Francis Blood, for the committee.

Which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Major Shephard.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

1. xii. Ham. Town Papers, 575.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1785.

The House met according to adjournment.

Voted, That Major Gains, Major Wentworth, Capt. French, Major Whitcomb, and Mr. Freeman, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to consider of a letter from Daniel Newcomb, Esq. and all similar matters and report thereon.

Sent up by Major Child.

Voted, That Mr. Greene, Col. Toppan, Major Whitcomb, Mr. M. Wallace, and Mr. Jewett, with such of the honorable Senate as they * shall join, be a committee to consider of the accounts of Major Jonathan Child, as Commissary, and report thereon. Sent up by Major Child.

* 12 : 673

Voted, That Gen. Badger, Major Gains, Mr. Smith, Mr. Means and Col. Hill, with such of the honorable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider what is necessary to be done respecting the new emission money issued by this State, and report thereon.

Sent up by Col. Child.

The committee on the petition of Peter Du Sausse, praying that an act of naturalization, might be passed in favor of himself and family, reported, that the prayer thereof be granted ; and that the petitioner have leave to bring in a bill for that purpose.

Signed, Timothy Walker, for the committee.

Which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Capt. Spaulding.

Upon reading and considering the petition of Leonard Whiting, Esq. praying for liberty to extend an execution recovered against the estate of Benjamin Whiting, Esq. of Holles, an absentee,

Voted, That the prayer thereof be granted ; and that the petitioner have leave to bring in a bill accordingly.

Sent up by Capt. Spaulding.

The committee on the account of Robert Gerrish, reported, that the account of said Gerrish, amounting to thirty-two pounds ten shillings, be allowed and paid out of the Treasury.

Signed, Timothy Walker, for the Committee.

Which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted ; and that the President give order accordingly. Sent up by Col. Hill.

Voted, That Mr. Betton, Major Whitcomb, and Col. Child, with such of the honorable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Capt. Lemuel Holmes, and all similar matters, and report thereon. Sent up by Mr. M. Wallace.

Voted, That Major Wentworth, Capt. Allen, and Major Pickering, with such of the honorable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of James Turner, a soldier in Capt. Scott's company, Col. Jackson's regiment, praying for depreciation, and report thereon. Sent up by Mr. M. Wallace.

* *Voted*, That Col. Peabody, Major Wentworth, Mr. Means, Capt. Sumner, and Col. Payne, with such of the honorable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the propriety of appointing Surveyors of Land in this State, and report thereon. Sent up by Mr. Jenness. *12 : 674

Voted, That Major Wiggin, Mr. Pickering, and Col. Senter, with such of the honorable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the account of Mr. Benjamin Biggelow, and report thereon. Sent up by Mr. Jenness.

Adjourned to three o'clock, P. M.

Met accordingly.

An Act to impower Isaac Barrett of Nottingham-West, to collect certain taxes in said town, was read a third time and passed to be enacted. Sent up by Mr. Jewett, and Major Wentworth.

An Act impowering Elizabeth Butler, to prosecute actions in her own name, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Mr. Jewett and Major Wentworth.

Voted, That the hearing of the petition of Thomas Pinkham, which was to have been this day, before the General-Court, be postponed to the third Tuesday of their next session; and all persons concerned are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Sent up by Major Wiggin.

* The committee on the account of Elijah Grout, Esq. reported, that he be allowed sixty-six pounds four shillings and three pence, in full for the ballance due on said account. *12 : 675

Signed, J. Gilman, for the committee.

Which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted; and that the President give order accordingly. Sent up by Mr. Greeley.

The committee on the petition and memorial of a number of merchants, traders and others, inhabitants of the town of Portsmouth, reported as their opinion, that the Legislature of this State choose a committee of two or three persons to confer with the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, with respect to the trade and commerce carried on between the subjects of the said Commonwealth and those of this State, urging the necessity of peace and harmony among the whole; and that, that Commonwealth's laying duties on

goods, wares and merchandizes belonging to subjects of this State, will have a manifest tendency to disunite them.

Signed, J. Langdon, for the committee.

Which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted; and that Col. Toppan, Mr. Chase, and Major Gains, with such of the honorable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to nominate to this House proper persons for a committee for the before-mentioned purpose.

Sent up by Capt. Copeland.

* 12:676 * *Voted*, That Col. Toppan, Mr. Jewett, and Mr. Green, with such of the honorable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of the Selectmen of Cornish, and report thereon. Sent up by Capt. Copeland.

Voted, That the account of Capt. Aaron Kinsman, amounting to five pounds four shillings, be allowed and paid out of the Treasury by order of the President. Sent up by Col. Leavitt.

Upon hearing and considering the petition of Sarah Ross, praying for liberty to sell a certain house and land in Portsmouth,

Voted, That the prayer thereof be granted; and that she have leave to bring in a bill accordingly. Sent up by Col. Leavitt.

An Act to commit the sole administration of the estate of Jeremiah Prescott, late of Epping, deceased, intestate, into the hands of his son Jeremiah Prescott, was read a third time, and passed to be enacted. Sent up by Mr. Green, and Col. Leavitt.

An Act authorizing and impowering Leonard Whiting, Esq. to levy or extend an execution recovered by him, upon the estate of Benjamin Whiting, Esq. was read a third time and passed to be enacted. Sent up by Mr. Green, and Col. Leavitt.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, February 16, 1785.

The House met according to adjournment.

An Act for the naturalization of Peter Du Sausse, Julia Du Sausse, his wife, Mary Esta, his daughter, and Adrian
* 12:677 * his son, was read a third time, and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Capt. Holmes, and Mr. McMurphy.

Voted, That Col. Toppan, Mr. Betton, Mr. Means, Mr. Duncan, Col. Payne, Mr. Green, and Major Gains, with such of the honorable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to take under consideration the bill presented, for laying an Impost Duty on wares, merchandize, &c. and report what alterations they may judge necessary.

Sent up by Capt. Holmes.

An Act to alter and establish the times and places of holding the several Courts of Judicature within this State, was read a third time, and passed to be enacted. Sent up by Mr. Green, and Mr. Smith.

The following Resolve came down from the honorable Senate for concurrence;

State of New Hampshire.

IN SENATE, February 16, 1785.

Whereas the certificates issued by this State, for payment of interest due on securities given by this State, and also on loan-office certificates (so called) being for money loaned to the United-States, and likewise those issued for payment of fifteen per centum of the debts owed by this State, have been appropriated to be received in payment of several particular taxes as set forth in the acts and resolves for issuing the same; which hath been found inconvenient, and a great hindrance to the speedy collecting of taxes:

Therefore, be it Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General-Court convened, that all certificates that have been issued, or shall be issued by this State, for payment of interest due on securities given by this State, or on money loaned to the United States, or in payment of the principal or any part thereof due from this State, shall be received by the Treasurer in payment of all taxes now due, or shall hereafter be due to this State, excepting the second tax issued in the year 1781, and ordered to be paid in paper bills called the new emission, or in such future taxes where the same shall be specially ordered to be paid otherways.

Sent down for concurrence.

Woodbury Langdon, President, P. T.

The same day read and concurred.

Sent up by Major Wiggin.

*The committee on the petition of James Turner, reported, that the petitioner be allowed his depreciation according to the prayer of his petition, in the same manner as has been allowed to others in like cases. * 12 : 678

Signed, Simeon Olcott, for the committee.

Which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted; and that the committee on depreciation govern themselves accordingly.

Sent up by Major Shephard.

Voted, That the account of Samuel Fowler, Esq. amounting to one pound ten shillings, be allowed and paid out of the Treasury, by order of the President. Sent up by Major Shephard.

The committee on the petition of the Selectmen of Marlow,[1] and all similar matters, reported that the Continental paper money collected by the Constable or Constables of said Marlow; as also by those of Alstead and Acworth, according to their several sums, sworn to, be received into the Treasury of this State, in the same manner as others have been received in similar circumstances.

Signed, M. Thornton, for the committee.

Which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Mr. Betton.

The committee on the account of Benjamin Biggelow, reported that said account, amounting to forty pounds twelve shillings and one penny half-penny, be allowed.

Signed, Francis Blood, for the committee.

Which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted; and that the President give order accordingly. Sent up by Major Gains.

Voted, That Mr. Knowles, Mr. Adams, and Capt. Copp, which such of the honorable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of John Holbrook, and report thereon.

Sent up by Major Wiggin.

Voted, That the hearing on the petition of Thomas Parsons, Esq. and others, which was to have been this day before the General-Court, be postponed to the second Friday of their next session; of which all persons concerned, are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly. Sent up by Major Wiggin

* 12 : 679 *Adjourned to three o'clock P. M.

Met accordingly.

Agreeably to the order of the day, sundry petitions were heard, and the consideration of said petitions postponed until to-morrow morning.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1785.

The House met according to adjournment.

Voted, That Col. Hill, Major Gains, and Mr. Betton, with such of the honorable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to nominate three proper persons to be appointed a committee to revise the Table of Fees for this State, in the recess of the General-Court, and report thereon the next session of said Court.

Sent up by Mr. Duncan.

1. xii. Ham. Town Papers, 575.

An Act for the more speedy determination of actions wherein foreigners are concerned, was read a third time and passed to be enacted. Sent up by Mr. Duncan, and Major Wiggin.

Upon hearing and considering the petition of James Robertson, praying for the privilege of a ferry a-cross Merrimac-river, from Bow to Pembrook,

Voted, That the prayer thereof be granted; and that the petitioner have leave to bring in a bill accordingly.

Sent up by Capt. Copeland.

Upon hearing and considering the petition of Robert McClure,[1] and others, praying that a certain severance of land formerly made in Hillsborough, may be established,

Voted, That the prayer of said petition be granted; and that the petitioners have leave to bring in a bill accordingly.

Sent up by Capt. Copeland.

Upon hearing and considering the petition from the inhabitants of the town of Washington, praying that unimproved lands may be taxed for repairing highways,

Voted, That the prayer thereof be granted and that the petitioners have leave to bring in a bill accordingly,

Sent up by Capt. Copeland.

Upon hearing and considering the petition of sundry inhabitants of Charlestown, praying for liberty for a poll parish,

Voted, That the prayer thereof be not granted.

Voted, That the Hon. John Langdon, Esq. and Christopher Toppan, Esq., be and they hereby are appointed a committee to repair to the General-Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as soon as conveniently may be, and confer with said Court, on the matters mentioned in the vote of Tuesday last. Sent up by Mr. Betton.

* *Voted*, That Mr. Greene, Capt. Leavitt, and Col. Runnels, with such of the honorable Senate as they shall join, * 12 : 680
be a committee to consider of the petition of Ebenezer Torrey, and report thereon. Sent up by Mr. Betton.

Voted, That the hearing on the petition of Col. Jonathan Chase, which was to have been this day, before the General-Court, be postponed to the first Tuesday of their next session; of which all persons concerned are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Sent up by Major Gains.

Voted, That Thursday the fourteenth day of April next, be observed and kept as a day of Public Fasting Humiliation and Prayer, throughout this State, and that his Excellency the President be desired to issue a Proclamation for that purpose. Sent up by Major Gains.

1. xii. Ham. Town Papers, 207.

Voted, That Mr. Jenness, Col. Bartlett, Mr. Pickering, Capt. Fogg, and Capt. Calfe, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined be a committee to consider of the petition of Capt. Thos. Simpson, and all similar matters and report thereon.

Sent up by Major Gains.

Adjourned to three o'clock, P. M.

Met accordingly.

Upon motion whether a Sermon shall be preached at the commencement of the next General-Court, which is to meet at Portsmouth, in June next, the Yeas and Nays were required, and are as follows, viz.

YEAS. — Major Gains, Mr. Duncan, Col. Peabody, Mr. Jewett, Mr. Storey, Mr. Betton, Capt. Underhill, Major Shephard, Mr. Smith, Mr. Pickering, Mr. Smiley, Capt. Copp, Mr. Jenness, Mr. Powers, Mr. Martin, Col. Toppan, Mr. Morss, Mr. Means, Mr. Green, Mr. Freeman, Capt. Spaulding, Mr. Daniels, Col. Child, Mr. R. Wallace, Capt. Allen, Major Wiggin, Mr. Jackman, Capt. Calfe, Col. Hill, Mr. Hall, Mr. Knowles, Col. Bartlett, Mr. Willard, Capt. Marsh, Mr. Eastman, Mr. Grout, Capt. Emerson, Capt. Clough, Mr. Ayer, Capt. Putnam, Major Batcheldor, Col. Payne.

NAYS. — Col. Runnels, Major Whitcomb, Col. Tash, Mr. McMurphy, Mr. Sanborn, Col. Page, Col. Leavitt, Mr. Wilbore, Mr. Cragin, Mr. Shaw, Capt. Holmes, Mr. M. Wallace, Mr. Merrill, Major Baker, Mr. Greeley, Capt. Eastman, Mr. Huse, Mr. Grout, Capt. Morrill, Capt. Fogg, Major Capron, Major Wentworth, Mr. Clough, Capt. Sumner, Capt. French, Capt. Foss, Mr. Chase, Mr. Adams, Gen. Badger, Capt. Copeland, Mr. Dow, Mr. Bedee, Col. Senter, Capt. Pettingill, Col. Richardson, Mr. Scribner.

42 Yeas. 36 Nays.

* 12 : 681 * So the motion prevailed.

Upon hearing and considering the petition of Asahel Bundy, and others (guardians for certain minors) praying for liberty to sell lands belonging to their wards,

Voted, That the prayer thereof be granted, and that the petitioners have leave to bring in a bill accordingly.

Sent up by Major Shephard.

Upon hearing and considering the petition of Levi Harvey, and others, praying that the [unimproved Lands of] non resident owners of lands in New-London, may be taxed to the highways,

Voted, That the prayer thereof be granted ; and that the petitioners have leave to bring in a bill accordingly, exempting only the lands now owned by the original grantors. Sent up by Major Shephard.

An Act to impower a committee to settle and fix the boundaries and lines between the townships of Sandwich and Moultonborough, and Sandwich and Tamworth, was read a third time, and passed to be enacted. Sent up by Major Shephard and Major Wiggin.

The committee on the account of Mr. Thomas Bickford, reported, that the said Bickford be allowed thirty-nine pounds fourteen shillings and six pence, in full for the ballance of his account.

Signed, Enoch Hale, for the committee.

Which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Major Gains.

Voted, That Gen. Badger, Col. Peabody, Col. Hill, Col. Bartlett, and Mr. Jewett, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to take under consideration a letter from Gen. Sullivan, and the matters therein referred to, and report thereon.

Sent up by Major Gains.

Adjourned to nine o'clock tomorrow morning.

* FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1785. * 12 : 682

The House met according to adjournment.

The committee on the petition of the Selectmen of Marlow,[1] and all similar matters, reported, that the several sums of the old emission Continental money as collected, returned, and sworn to by the Constables of said town of Marlow, Alstead and Acworth, viz. From Abisha Tubs of Marlow, aforesaid, one thousand eight hundred and seventy dollars and five shillings; from Rufus Huntley, of said Marlow, two thousand four hundred and thirty-six dollars; from Zebulon Crane, of Alstead, aforesaid. one thousand seven hundred and thirty-nine pounds five shillings; from Nathan Fay, of said Alstead, eleven hundred and ninety-six pounds eight shillings, and from William Markham, of Acworth aforesaid, three hundred and ninety-seven dollars, be received by the Treasurer of the State, on account of the several taxes for which the same was collected.

Signed, M. Thornton, for the committee.

Which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Major Shephard.

Voted, That Mr. Greene, Col. Peabody, Col. Hill, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Beede, with such of the honorable Senate as they shall join, be

1. xii. Ham. Town Papers, 575.

a committee to consider of a proposed bill to ascertain the right and confirm the property of certain lands in several townships in this State, and report thereon. Sent up by Mr. Greeley.

Voted, That Col. Bartlett, Col. Peabody, and Major Wiggin, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to consider of the account of Solomon Wheeler, and report thereon.

Sent up by Mr. Greeley.

The committee on the petition of John Holbrook, reported, that the said Holbrook's petition be granted; and that he be allowed forty-five pounds, in full of all claims against the State, on account of supplying soldiers, &c.

Signed, J. Wentworth, for the committee.

Which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted, and that the President give order accordingly. Sent up by Major Child.

* 12:683 * The committee on the letter of Daniel Newcomb, Esq. reported, that the Trustees upon confiscated estates, who have been legally appointed by the several Judges of Probate within this State, who have proceeded and sold any part of said confiscated estates, that they immediately advertise and make sale according to said law, of all remainder of such estates as they have inventoried, and settle their accounts with the Judges of Probate in their respective counties, as soon as may be.

Signed, M. Thornton, for the committee.

Which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Mr. McMurphy.

Upon reading and considering the petition of Thomas Bartlett, Esq. *Voted*, That the petitioner be heard thereon, before the General-Court, on the second Wednesday of their next session; and that in the mean time he cause that the substance of the petition, and order of Court thereon, be published three weeks successively in the New-Hampshire Gazette, that any person or persons may then appear and shew cause (if any they have) why the prayer thereof may not be granted. Sent up by Mr. McMurphy.

Voted, That Major Gains, Col. Payne, and Col. Hill, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to draught such instructions as they may judge necessary to give the Hon. John Langdon, and Christopher Toppan, Esq'rs, a committee to the General-Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Sent up by Capt. Copp.

Voted, That Col. Runnels, Mr. Greene, Gen. Badger, Mr. Duncan, Major Gains, and Col. Hill, with such of the honorable Senate as

may be joined, be a committee to consider of the petition of the Selectmen of Dunbarton,[1] and report thereon.

Sent up by Mr. McMurphy.

Voted, That Col. Runnels, Mr. Greene, Gen. Badger, Col. Toppan, Col. Payne, Capt. Sumner, and Mr. Means, with such of the honorable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Gen. John Stark; also the petition of George Jaffrey, Esq. in behalf of the Masonian Proprietors, and report thereon.

Sent up by Mr. McMurphy.

* The committee on the petition from New-Ipswich,[2] * 72 : 684 and sundry other towns, reported, that the prayer of the petition be granted; and that the regiment numbered twenty-three in the late arrangement, be numbered twelve; and that the number twelve, be numbered twenty-three.

Signed, John McCleary, for the committee.

Which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Mr. McMurphy.

Voted, That Col. Peabody, Col. Tash, Mr. Duncan, Major Whitcomb, and Col. Senter, with such of the honorable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Daniel Runnels, Samuel Dearborn, and Ezekiel Gile, Captains in the army in the year 1778, and report thereon. Sent up by Mr. McMurphy.

Voted, That Col. Toppan, Mr. Knowles, and Mr. Greene, with such of the honorable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to nominate to this House two proper persons, out of whom one to be appointed to preach a Sermon at the meeting of the General-Court, at Portsmouth, in June next. Sent up by Major Wiggin.

Adjourned to three o'clock P. M.

Met accordingly.

Voted, That Col. Toppan, Mr. Smith, Mr. Means, Mr. Chase, and Col. Payne, with such of the honorable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider what business is yet necessary to be done at this session, and at what time, and to what time and place this General-Court shall be adjourned; also, to consider what pay the members of the honorable Senate and House of Representatives, and their officers, shall receive for their travel and attendance at this session, and report thereon. Sent up by Major Wiggin.

An Act to impower Mary Hart, of Portsmouth, widow, to sell her interest of her two children, minors, under the age of twelve years, was read a third time, and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Major Wiggin and Mr. Smith.

1. xi. Ham. Town Papers, 564. 2. xii. *id*, 742.

An Act to impower Sarah Ross, of Portsmouth, widow, to sell her interest in a certain dwelling house and land situate in Portsmouth, aforesaid, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Major Wiggin and Mr. Smith.

* 12:685 * *Voted*, That the town of Keene, be allowed out of their State taxes, three pounds one shilling and six pence half-penny, lawful money, and one pound seven shillings and eleven pence, new emission, being for the taxes laid upon Elijah Williams's land for the years 1781 and 1782, he being an absentee from this State; and that the President give order accordingly, agreeably to a resolve of said State. Sent up by Major Gains.

Voted, That the town of Holles, be allowed out of their State taxes, seventeen shillings and two pence farthing, being for taxes laid upon Col. William Brown's land, in said town, in the year 1782, he being an absentee from this State; and that the President give order agreeably to a resolve of said State. Sent up by Major Gains.

Voted, That the town of Keene, be allowed out of their State taxes, twenty-two pounds nineteen shillings and three pence three farthings, silver money, and ten pounds nine shillings, new emission money, being for the taxes laid upon lands of Josiah Pomeroy, for the years 1781 and 1782, he being an absentee from this State; and that the President give order accordingly, agreeably to a resolve of this State. Sent up by Major Gains.

The committee on the petition of Ebenezer Torrey, praying to be restored to his law in a certain case, reported, that the prayer thereof be granted; and that he have leave to bring in a bill accordingly.

Sent up by Capt. Foss.

Voted, That Major Gains, Mr. Greene, and Capt. Pickering, with such of the honorable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of the Selectmen of Plainfield, and report thereon. Sent up by Mr. Dow.

The committee on the petition of Capt. Thomas Simpson, reported, that the said Thomas Simpson, be allowed one quarter part of his wages, from the time of his being struck off the pension list, to the present day, in full. Signed, J. Wentworth, for the committee.

Which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Capt. Foss.

* 12:686 * The committee on the petition of Thomas Simpson, and all similar matters, reported, that the prayer of the petition of Jonathan Emerson, be so far granted, as that he be enrolled for half pay from the present time.

Signed, J. Wentworth, for the committee.

Which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted. Sent up by Capt. Foss.

The committee on the petition of Thomas Simpson, and all similar matters, reported, that the prayer of the petition of Joseph Roberts, jun. be granted; and that he accordingly be enrolled for half-pay to commence at this day. Signed, J. Wentworth, for the committee.

Which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Capt. Foss.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1785.

The House met according to adjournment.

Voted, That Col. Toppan, Mr. Jewett, and Col. Payne, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to examine what towns or places were neglected in the last proportion of taxes, and report thereon. Sent up by Capt. Foss.

An Act to enable the Selectmen of Washington to tax certain lands in said town for the purposes therein mentioned, was read a third time, and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Capt. Copeland and Mr. Jenness.

An Act to incorporate a place called Ossipee-Gore, in the county of Strafford, was read a third time, and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Capt. Copeland and Mr. Jenness.

Upon reading and considering the petitions of Timothy Walker,[1] Esq. and others, praying that sundry towns in the county of Rockingham, may be disannexed from said county, and annexed to the county of Hillsborough,

Voted, That the petitioners be heard thereon, before the General-Court, on the second Friday of their next session; and that in the mean time the petitioners cause that the substance of the petition, and order of Court thereon, be published three weeks successively in the New * Hampshire Gazette, that any * 12 : 687
person or persons may then appear and shew cause (if any they have) why the prayer thereof may not be granted.

Sent up by Mr. Hall.

The committee on the letter from Gen. John Sullivan, reported, that he be allowed one hundred and ten pounds, in addition to what has been already allowed him for his services at Philadelphia, as Agent for this State, in the years 1781 and 1782.[2]

Signed, J. Gilman, by order of the committee.

Which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted. Sent up by Col. Hill.

1. xi. Ham. Town Papers, 400. 2. xviii. Ham. Misc. Papers, 748.

Voted, That Major Gains, Col. Bartlett, and Mr. Chase, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to consider of the petition of R. Freeman, in behalf of the town of Hanover, and report thereon. Sent up by Mr. Freeman.

Voted, That Mr. McMurphy, Major Wentworth, and Capt. Sumner, with such of the honorable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Jeremiah Spencer,[1] and report thereon. Sent up by Mr. Greeley.

Voted, That Mr. Means, Mr. Jenness, Mr. Knowles, Mr. Beede, and Mr. Adams, with such of the honorable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petitions of William Moulton, and Nathan Ordway, and report thereon. Sent up by Mr. Greeley.

Voted, That Major Wiggin, Col. Page, and Col. Bartlett, with such of the honorable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Capt. James Martin, and report thereon.

Sent up by Mr. Macgregore.

[*Voted* that Mr McMurphy, Mr Mann, & Majr Baker with such of the Honbl Senate as they shall join be a committee to consider of the Petition of Leonard Whiting Esqr and report thereon.

Sent up by Mr Chase.]

Voted, That Mr. Greene, Major Gains, Capt. Foss, Col. Runnels, and Mr. Jackman, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to consider of the petition of Capt. Samuel Atkinson, and report thereon. Sent up by Mr. Macgregore.

Voted, That Mr. McMurphy, Mr. Mann, and Major Baker, with such of the honorable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Elijah Blodget, and report thereon.

Sent up by Capt. Foss.

* 12 : 688 * The committee on the petition of the Selectmen of Plainfield, reported, that the present, or any future Selectmen, ought to, and shall tax the present and future inhabitants of Plainfield, as though the demands were for the time being; and that the Treasurer be directed to suspend issuing his extent against said Plainfield, until the next sitting of the General-Court.

Signed, S. Olcott, for the committee.

Which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Mr. Chase.

Voted, That Mr. Adams, Capt. Calfe, and Capt. Sumner, with such of the honorable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Benjamin Davis, and others, and report thereon. Sent up by Mr. Chase.

1. xi. Ham. Town Papers, 375.

Voted, That the additional pay-roll of travel, to sundry members of the House of Representatives, for June session, 1784, amounting to two pounds nine shillings and four pence, be allowed and paid out of the Treasury, by order of the President.

Sent up by Mr. Jenness.

Upon reading and considering the petition of the Selectmen of Merrimac,[1]

Voted, That the petitioners be heard thereon, before the General-Court, on the first Friday of their next session; and that in the mean time, the petitioners cause that the Selectmen of Amherst, be served with a copy of the petition, and order of Court thereon, that they may then appear and shew cause (if any they have) why the prayer thereof may not be granted. Sent up by Mr. Jenness.

Adjourned to Monday next, three o'clock, P. M.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1785.

The House met according to adjournment.

* The committee on the petition of Captains Daniel Runnels, Samuel Dearborn, and Ezekiel Gile, in behalf of themselves, and their subalterns, respecting wages and depreciation due to them as officers in the service of their country, in the year 1778, are of opinion, that by the resolves of the State, and orders issued to those officers, they are entitled to receive the same pay as officers of their rank in the Continental army; Therefore report, that said Runnels, Dearborn, and Gile, and their subalterns, be settled with in the manner, and paid the same wages and depreciation as Continental officers of equal grades who served that season, deducting only the sums already paid them respectively; and that the committee on depreciation, &c. take order thereon, and govern themselves accordingly. Signed, Enoch Hale, for the committee. * 12:689

Which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Major Wiggin.

Voted, That Col. Peabody, Gen. Badger, and Col. Toppan, with such of the honorable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to nominate three proper persons to devise proper checks for impressing new blank notes to redeem the State securities now outstanding; also, to superintend the press, and see said blanks struck off; and that they also nominate proper persons to countersign the same, agreeably to a bill presented to this House, and report thereon.

Sent up by Major Wiggin.

1. xii. Ham. Town Papers, 592.

The committee on the petition of Capt. Lemuel Holmes, reported, that he the said Holmes, by reason of his great sufferings while in captivity, and the difficulties he has met with in having his accounts settled by Congress, have and receive out of the public Treasury thirty pounds, to be by him accounted for on settlement.

Signed, Timothy Walker, for the committee.

Which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted, and that the President give order accordingly. Sent up by Capt. Holmes.

The following vote came down from the honorable Senate for concurrence:

State of New Hampshire,

IN SENATE, February 21, 1785.

* 12 : 690 * *Voted*, That the paper bills called the new emission * money issued by this State, not yet redeemed, shall be received by the Treasurer of this State, towards payment of all taxes now due, or that shall be hereafter due, at the rate of three of said new emission for one silver dollar on the principal only; no interest on said bills to be calculated.

Sent down for concurrence. E. Thompson, Secretary.

The same day read and concurred.

Sent up by Capt. Emerson.

Voted, That Col. Bartlett, Gen. Badger, Mr. Macgregore, Major Shephard, and Major Baker, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to take under consideration what standard or banners, are most proper to be used in the several regiments in this State; also what exercise is best to be practised by the militia of this State; and also, to consider of some more convenient method of swearing the Captains and Subalterns than is now pointed out. Sent up by Major Wiggin.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1785.

The House met according to adjournment.

Voted, That the Rev. Jeremy Belknap, be and hereby is appointed and requested to prepare and preach an Election-Sermon at Portsmouth, on Thursday the second day of June next; and that the President be desired to give the necessary information thereof.

Sent up by Mr. Wallace.

Voted, That Col. Peabody, Col. Toppan, and Mr. Smith, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to take under consideration the propriety of repealing the whole, or any part

of an act of the late province, prescribing the form of oaths to be taken by civil officers, &c. and report thereon.

Sent up by Mr. Wallace.

Voted, That Col. Bartlett, Capt. Copp, Capt. Putnam, Mr. Chase, and Mr. Freeman, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to consider what allowance shall be made his Excellency the President for his past services ; also, to consider what allowance shall be made to the honorable the Judges of the * Superior-Court, the Attorney-General, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and the Commissary-General, and report thereon. Sent up by Mr. Wallace. * 12 : 691

Voted, That Mr. Duncan, and Mr. Adams, be added to the committee for draughting public bills. Sent up by Mr. Duncan.

Upon reading and considering the petition of Jeremiah Eames, Esq. in behalf of himself and Elijah Blodget, praying that they may be allowed seventy-two dollars, which they paid for the redemption of four persons, inhabitants of the United-States, who had been in captivity.

Voted, That the prayer thereof be granted ; and that the President give order accordingly. Sent up by Capt. Foss.

Voted, That Mr. Knowles, Mr. Adams, and Mr. Hall, with such of the honorable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider what allowance shall be made the reverend gentleman of the Clergy, who have been Chaplains to the General-Court, the present year, and report thereon. Sent up by Mr. McMurphy.

An Act to vest the exclusive privilege of keeping a ferry over a certain part of Merrimac-River in James Robertson, of Bow, was read a third time, and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Mr. Jenness and Mr. McMurphy.

An Act to enable the inhabitants of New-London, to tax certain lands for the purposes therein mentioned, was read a third time, and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Mr. Jenness and Mr. McMurphy.

An Act to impower the guardians to the heirs of Philip Eastman, late of Walpole, deceased, to sell all the real estate of said heirs, for the payment of debts, and the support of said heirs, was read a third time, and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Mr. Jenness and Mr. McMurphy.

An Act to enable Ebenezer Torrey, of Guildhall, to re-enter an action brought against him by David Learned, and Abel Learned, and judgment obtained thereon by default ; and to impower the said Torrey, to have a hearing upon the merits of the action, was read a third time, and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Mr. Jenness and Mr. McMurphy.

*12 : 692 * *Voted*, That the account of Nicholas Nicholle, amounting to four pounds six shillings and four pence, be allowed and paid out of the Treasury, by order of the President.

Sent up by Mr. Jenness.

Voted, That the pay for the travel and attendance of the members of the honorable Senate and House of Representatives, and their officers for the present session, be the same as at the last session; and that the Secretary and Clerk make up the rolls accordingly, and certify the same to the President, who is requested to give order for the payment of said rolls. Sent up by Mr. Jenness.

Resolved, That the committee on soldiers accounts make up the accounts for bounties paid by the several towns in this State, to soldiers who engaged to serve in the Continental army in the years 1777, 1778, and 1779, for a less term of time than three years, and who actually performed the service for which they engaged; and also, that they make up the accounts for supplies to soldiers families, from the first day of January, 1780, to the 21st of June, 1783, at which time the supplies were ordered to be stopped; and that no accounts be allowed, but such as are well vouched or attested to by the Selectmen, and have been lodged with the Committee of Claims, agreeable to votes of the General-Court; and that the President be authorized to draw orders on the Treasurer in favor of such towns as shall produce a certificate from the committee on soldiers accounts, of the sums due for bounties and supplies advanced by any town, in consequence of, or agreeable to any act, vote, or resolve of the General-Court, and that the same has been deducted from the soldiers wages. Sent up by Capt. Calfe.

Voted, That Mr. Benjamin Biggelow, have and receive out of the Treasury, thirty pounds, lawful money by order of the President; he the said Biggelow, to be accountable therefor, as Agent-Victualler.

Sent up by Capt. Calfe.

*12 : 693 * The committee on the petition of James Martin, reported, that the prayer thereof be granted.

Signed, Francis Blood, for the committee.

Which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted; and that the President give order on the Treasurer for the payment of Robert Jones, and John George, soldiers in Capt. Ebenezer Webster's company, at Coos, in the year 1782. Sent up by Mr. Smith.

Adjourned to three o'clock, P. M.

Met accordingly.

The committee on the petitions of General John Stark and George Jaffrey, Esq. reported, that the second Thursday of their next ses-

sion be assigned for a public hearing on said petitions; and that in the mean time the Secretary be directed to publish the substance of said petitions, and order of Court thereon, six weeks successively in the New-Hampshire Gazette, that any person or persons may then appear and shew cause why the prayer thereof may not be granted.

Signed, Timothy Walker, for the committee.

Which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Mr. Smith.

An Act for raising the sum of twenty-two thousand pounds, for the use of this State, for the present year, was read a third time, and passed to be enacted. Sent up by Mr. Smith, and Col. Runnels.

An Act to repeal part of an act passed in the fourth year of the reign of the late King George the first, intitled "An Act for the establishing forms of oaths," was read a third time, and passed to be enacted. Sent up by Mr. Smith, and Col. Runnels.

Voted, That Major Whitcomb, Capt. Underhill, and Capt. Foss, with such of the honorable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the account of Dr. Henry Codman, and report thereon. Sent up by Col. Runnels.

Voted, That Col. Peabody Gen. Badger, Mr. Greeley, Capt. Holmes, and Major Baker, with such of the honorable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the memorial of Mr. Jedediah Jewett, and report thereon.

Sent up by Capt. Young.

* *Voted*, That Gen. Badger, Col. Toppan, Col. Bartlett, * 12 : 694
Major Pickering, and Mr. Smith, with such of the honorable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Israel Morey, Esq. and report thereon.

Sent up by Capt. Young.

Voted, That Mr. Greene, Mr. Macgregore, Col. Peabody, Mr. M. Wallace, and Col. Runnels, with such of the honorable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Henry Gerrish,[1] Esq. and others, and report thereon.

Sent up by Col. Runnels.

The committee to consider of the petition of Leonard Whiting, Esq. reported, that the said Whiting, have a hearing before the General Court, on the second Wednesday of their next session; and that in the mean time, he serve Richard-Cutts Shannon, Esq. with a copy of the petition, and order of Court thereon; and also publish the substance of the same, three weeks successively in the New-Hampshire Gazette. Signed, Simeon Olcott, for the committee.

1. xi. Ham. Town Papers, 205.

Which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Capt. Underhill.

Upon reading and considering the petition of Lemuel Tucker,[1] praying for the privilege of a ferry over Merrimac-River,—*Voted*, That the prayer thereof be granted; and that he have leave to bring in a bill accordingly. Sent up by Mr. Greene.

Voted, That Capt. Allen, Col. Payne, Mr. Scribner, Major Wiggin, and Mr. Hall, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to consider of the petition of the Selectmen of Swanzey, and report thereon. Sent up by Major Whitcomb.

Voted, That Col. Hill, Mr. McMurphy, and Capt. Allen, with such of the honorable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of James Houston,[2] and report thereon.

Sent up by Capt. Young.

Voted, That Mr. Knowles, Mr. Smiley, and Capt. Emerson, with such of the honorable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Ephraim Adams, in behalf of John Thomas, and report thereon. Sent up by Capt. Young

* 12 : 695 * Upon reading and considering the petition of Col. Joseph Senter, in behalf of Joseph Jones of Rumney,

Voted, That the prayer thereof be granted.

Sent up by Capt. Young.

The committee on the petition of Henry Gerrish,[3] Esq. and others, reported that the prayer thereof be so far complied with, as that a lottery be granted to raise sixteen hundred dollars clear of expence; and that the petitioners have leave to bring in a bill for that purpose.

Signed, Timothy Walker, for the committee.

Which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Col. Peabody.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1785.

The House met according to adjournment.

Voted, That the Hon. John Sullivan, Esq. Attorney-General for this State, have and receive out of the Treasury, by order of the President, seventy-five pounds, as a salary for the current year.

Sent up by Col. Peabody.

Voted, That the Hon. Ebenezer Thompson, Esq. Secretary for this

1. xi. Ham. Town Papers, 401. 2. xii. Ham. Town Papers, 464. 3. *Supra*.

State, have and receive out of the Treasury, forty pounds, as a salary for the current year; and that the President give order accordingly.

Sent up by Col. Peabody.

Voted, That the Hon. John-Taylor Gilman, Esq. Treasurer for this State, have and receive the sum of two hundred and forty pounds, in full for his services, the use of his office, pay of his Clerk, &c. for the present year; and that the President give order accordingly. Sent up by Col. Peabody.

Whereas in and by an act passed the 13th of April, 1784, it is enacted that the annual meeting in the town of Surry, shall be held on the first Monday in March annually; but as the inhabitants have not had notice thereof, and the said first Monday so nigh, that legal notice cannot be given of the business necessary to be transacted at said meeting:

Therefore *Resolved*, That the meeting for the present year, be held on the fourth Tuesday of March next; and that the present Selectmen give notice of the time, place and design of said meeting; and the officers chosen at said meeting, are to give notice that the annual meeting in said town is to be held on the first Monday in March annually, in future. Sent up by Capt. Holmes.

* The committee on the accounts of Major Jonathan Child, after examining the whole of the same, reported, * 12 : 696

that there is a ballance of seventy-five pounds ten shillings and nine pence, due to said Child as per account current; and that the President give order for the payment of the same.

Signed, John Langdon, for the committee.

Which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Col. Child.

The committee to draught such instructions as they may judge necessary to give the Hon. John Langdon, and Christopher Toppan, Esq'rs, Commissioners from this State to the honorable the General-Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, beg leave to report as their opinion, that the following resolve pass the Court, and be delivered to said Langdon and Toppan, as their instructions.

Whereas the commercial interests of the subjects of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and those of this State, are so reciprocal and interwoven with each other, that it is necessary some laws and regulations should be adopted that may be of mutual benefit and advantage in regulating trade as well by sea as by land; and that such impost acts as have been passed in either or both of said States, to the prejudice of trade or the revenue of either State, or the subjects thereof be revised and put on a fair and equitable basis for both:

Therefore *Resolved*, That the said Langdon and Toppan, be and they are hereby appointed Commissioners for this State, to repair to the honorable the General-Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and there propose and consult on such laws and regulations as shall be judged necessary and convenient for the reciprocal and mutual advantage of each State; and that the said Mess. Langdon and Toppan, will endeavor to obtain a repeal of all such laws and regulations of trade as may be injurious or inequitable to either State, or the subjects thereof or in any ways embarass a free and open trade between each other. Sent up by Capt. Young.

*12:697 * *Voted*, That Mr. Pickering, Mr. M. Wallace, and Mr. Macgregore, with such of the honorable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the account of Capt. John Young, and all similar matters, and report thereon.

Sent up by Capt. Young.

Voted, That Col. Toppan, Gen. Badger, Capt. Putnam, Major Shephard, and Mr. Ayer, with such of the honorable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to nominate to this House six persons, out of whom, for three to be appointed a committee to settle the accounts between this State and the Treasurer, the Board of War and Col. Joshua Wentworth, collector of the Rum Tax, in the recess of the General-Court. Sent up by Major Gains.

Adjourned to three o'clock, P. M.

Met accordingly.

Upon reading and considering the petition of Samuel Fugard,[1]

Voted, That the prayer thereof be granted; and that he be enrolled agreeably to a resolve of Congress, of the 23d of April 1782, and paid accordingly. Sent up by Capt. Young.

Voted, That Col. Bartlett, Capt. Copp, Mr. Macgregore, Mr. Chase, and Capt. Young, with such of the honorable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition from the Trustees of Dartmouth-College, and report thereon.

Sent up by Capt. Young.

The committee to consider what Standard or Banners are most proper to be used in the several Regiments of this State; also, what exercise is best to be practised by the militia of this State; and also, to consider of some convenient method of swearing the Captains and Subalterns, &c. reported, that the exercise to be used in the several Regiments of Militia in this State, be that which is commonly called Baron Stuben's, and lately published and used in the Continental army; and that an act or resolve be passed impowering any Magistrate within the limits of his commission, to administer the constitu-

1. Ham. Town Papers, 85, 86.

tional oaths to the Captains and Subalterns of the Militia; and that the consideration of what Standard or Banners shall be made use of, be postponed until the Major-General can be consulted upon the subject. Signed, Ebenezer Smith, for the committee.

Which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Col. Bartlett.

**Voted*, That Col. Hill, Mr. Smith, Mr. Emerson, Capt. Sumner, and Col. Senter, with such of the honorable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of a letter from John-Taylor Gilman, Esq. Treasurer, and report thereon. * 12 : 698

Sent up by Capt. Spaulding.[1]

Voted, That fifteen hundred copies of Baron Stuben's exercise, (lately practised in the Continental army) be printed and dispersed to the commission officers of the militia in this State, and that the Secretary be requested to see the same performed, as soon as conveniently may be. Sent up by Col. Leavitt.

An Act, for paying the interest and part of the principal of the public securities of this State, and for issuing new notes. Also for paying a further interest on Continental Securities, was read a third time, and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Major Wiggin and Major Wentworth.

An Act, to vest the exclusive privilege of keeping a ferry over a certain part of Merrimac river, in Lemuel Tucker,[2] of Concord, his heirs and assigns, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Major Wiggin and Major Wentworth.

Voted, That Joseph Gilman, Nathaniel Peabody, and John Parker, Esq'rs, be and they hereby are appointed a committee to devise proper checks for impressing new blank notes to redeem the State securities now outstanding; also, to superintend the press and see said blanks struck off. Sent up by Major Wiggin.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1785.

The House met according to adjournment.

The committee on the petition of the Selectmen of Dunbarton,[3] reported, that the Sheriff of the county of Hillsborough, be and he hereby is impowered to apprehend the body of John Stinson, now resident at said Dunbarton, who was an absentee from this State, and joined himself in arms with our enemies, who returned to said Dunbarton, more than one year last past; that the said sheriff do

1. See House Journal June 24, *post*. 2. xi. Ham. Town Papers, 401.
3. xi. Ham. Town Papers, 564.

* 12 : 699 as soon as may be * convey the body of the aforesaid John Stinson, to the gaol in Portsmouth, in the county of Rockingham, in order that he afterwards, as soon as may, be transported to some port in his Britannic Majesty's dominions, by some person at said Portsmouth, at the expence of this State, that said Stinson may not return to this State again.

Signed, M. Thornton, for the committee.

Which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted; and that George Gains, Esq. be appointed to get a passage for the said Stinson.

Sent up by Mr. Storer.

Upon reading and considering the petition of Richard-Cutts Shannon, Esq. and others, a committee of the proprietors of Cockermouth,

Voted, That the petitioners be heard thereon, before the General-Court, on the second Friday of their next session; and that in the mean time, the petitioners cause that the proprietors of Plymouth, be served with a copy of the petition, and order of Court thereon; also, cause that the substance of said petition and order, be published three weeks successively in the New-Hampshire Gazette, that any person or persons may then appear and shew cause (if any they have) why the prayer thereof may not be granted. Sent up by Mr. Dow.

Voted, That Col. Payne, Col. Bartlett, and Mr. Duncan, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to consider of the petition of David Corser, and report thereon.

Sent up by Mr. Greene.

The committee to consider what allowance shall be made the reverend gentlemen of the Clergy, who have been Chaplains for the General-Court the present year, reported, that the Rev. Dr. Haven, the Rev. Mr. Buckminster, and Mr. Shuttlesworth, be allowed five dollars each, for their services as Chaplains.

Signed, Timothy Walker, for the committee.

Which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted; and that the President give order accordingly. Sent up by Mr. Greene.

Voted, That Col. Bartlett, Col. Toppan, and Mr. Ayer, with such of the honorable Senate as may be joined, be a committee to consider of the account of the Hon. Timothy Walker, Esq. and report thereon.

Sent up by Mr. Greene.

The committee on the petition of Benjamin Davis, and others, reported, that the Judge of Probate of Wills for the
* 12 : 700 county of Hillsborough, * be directed to give six months more to the commissioners on the estate of Zaccheus

Cutler, for hearing and examining any further claim that may be exhibited, giving notice of such further allowance.

Signed, M. Thornton, for the committee.

Which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Col. Child.

Upon hearing and considering the petition of the trustees of Dartmouth-College,

Voted, That the petitioners be heard thereon, before the General-Court, on the second Friday of their next session; and that in the mean time, the petitioners cause that the substance of the petition, and order of Court thereon, be published three weeks successively in the New-Hampshire Gazette, that any person or persons may then appear, and shew cause (if any they have) why the prayer thereof may not be granted. Sent up by Mr. Ayer.

An Act for raising by a lottery, the sum of sixteen hundred dollars, to be laid out on the falls of Merrimac-River, for the more easy conveyance of timber down the same, was read a third time, and passed to be enacted. Sent up by Mr. Ayer, and Mr. Adams.

The committee on the Treasurer's letter, having conversed with him on the subject of his salary &c. reported, that whereas he has been at extraordinary expence in keeping a Clerk for the purpose of consolidating notes, issuing certificates for interest and principal of the same, &c. that he be allowed annually, one hundred and fifty pounds, for his salary, ninety pounds for responsibility of office, and extra expence for himself and Clerk attending the General-Court, and ninety pounds, as a salary for his Clerk, annually, from the 12th day of June 1783 to the 12th day of June 1785, which shall be considered in full for the above, he accounting for all sums that have been granted him within said term.

Signed, John Langdon, for the committee.

Which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted; and that the President give order accordingly. Sent up by Mr. Smith.

Voted, That Col. Toppan, Mr. Chase, and Col. Leavitt, with such of the honorable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of David Carr,[1] and report thereon.

Sent up by Major Pickering.

* *Voted*, That the account of Nicholas Nicholle, amounting to four pounds three shillings and eight pence, for time, horse-hire, and expence, in transporting the Secretary's files to Concord, be allowed and paid out of the Treasury, by order of the President. Sent up by Mr. Mann. * 12 : 701

[1] Ham. Town Papers, 217.

Voted, That the Hon. Josiah Bartlett, John Parker, and John Calfe, Esq'rs, be a committee in the recess of the General-Court to settle the accounts between this State and the Treasurer of said State, the Board of War, Col. Joshua Wentworth, Collector of the rum tax, and with Ephraim Robinson, and report at the next session of the General-Court. Sent up by Mr. Mann.

Voted, That Mr. Mann, Mr. Jewett, and Mr. Smith, with such of the honorable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Asa Herrick, and report thereon.

Sent up by Capt. Spaulding.

Voted, That the copperplate notes issued by this State, in the year 1775, and now outstanding be received, by the Treasurer in payment of all State taxes, equal to silver or gold; and that there be no interest allowed on said notes. Sent up by Capt. Spaulding.

Resolved, That the President give order to the Treasurer to allow all receipts given by Col. Jonathan Child, to the Collectors of the county of Grafton, in consequence of orders the said Child received from the Committee of Safety, dated September 1780, which the said Child, hath accounted for agreeably to his orders, as by his account now filed in the Secretary's office may appear.

Sent up by Major Child.

Adjourned to three o'clock, P. M.

Met accordingly.

The committee on the account of Timothy Walker, Esq. reported, that the said Timothy Walker, be allowed twenty pounds, in full of his account. Signed, J. Wentworth, for the committee.

Which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Mr. McMurphy.

The committee to consider what allowances shall be made to the honorable the Judges of the Superior-Court, reported, that the honorable the Chief Justice have the sum of one hundred and eighty pounds for the term of one year from the date of his
* 12 : 702 *commission; and that the honorable the Puisne Judges, have the sum of one hundred and sixty-five pounds, each, for said term; and that the Clerk of said Court, collect and pay the fees accruing to said Judges, in the course of their business as they arise; and that he return an exact account of the same, into the Secretary's office, every quarter; and that the amount of such fees be considered as part of said sums, and deducted therefrom; and that the President give orders to the several Judges, upon the Treasurer, for their respective ballances, quarterly.

Signed, John McClary, for the committee.

Which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Mr. McMurphy.

Voted, That the account of John Calfe, Esq. amounting to six pounds, be allowed and paid out of the Treasury, by order of the President. Sent up by Mr. McMurphy.

Upon reading and considering the petition of General Roger Enos, praying for the privilege of a ferry a-cross Connecticut-River, —

Voted, That the petitioner be heard thereon, before the General-Court, on the second Wednesday of their next session; and that in the mean time, the petitioner cause that the Selectmen of Plainfield, be served with a copy of the petition, and order of Court thereon, that they may then appear and shew cause (if any they have) why the prayer thereof may not be granted. Sent up by Mr. Eastman.

Voted, That the account of Samuel Livermore, Esq. amounting to twelve pounds, be allowed and paid out of the Treasury, by order of the President. Sent up by Mr. Jewett.

The committee on the memorial of Mr. Jedediah Jewett, having considered the matters to them referred, and examined the papers relative thereto, and nothing appearing but that the said Jewett, in behalf of the State, had to the best of his abilities, honestly and faithfully transacted the business * committed * 12 : 703
to his trust, as mentioned in his memorial, reported, that the said State receive of said Jewett, the note of hand herewith exhibited against David Hillhouse, amounting to two thousand two hundred and ninety-seven pounds twelve shillings and seven pence, with the deeds and other papers accompanying the same; and that the said Jewett, have credit therefor, in settling his public account. The committee further reported, that some proper person or persons be appointed to collect the pay for said note.

Signed, Timothy Walker, for the committee.

Which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted; and that Mr. Jedediah Jewett, be appointed to call on the said Hillhouse, as soon as may be, and use every prudent method for the recovery of the debt due to this State, from the said Hillhouse. Sent up by Major Wentworth.

Voted, That the account of Caleb Buswell, amounting to three pounds three shillings, be allowed and paid out of the Treasury, by order of the President. Sent up by Major Wentworth.

Voted, That either of the honorable Council, with either of the Commissioners appointed to administer the necessary oaths to the several officers in this State, be and hereby are authorized to administer said oaths to the several officers respectively.

Sent up by Major Pickering.

The committee on the petition of David Corser, reported, that a day of hearing be appointed. Signed, M. Dow, for the committee.

Which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted; and that the petitioner be heard thereon before the General-Court, on the second Wednesday of their next session; and that in the mean time, the petitioner cause that Samuel Corser, of Boscawen, be served with a copy of the petition, and order of court thereon, that he may then appear and shew cause (if any he hath) why the prayer thereof may not be granted; and that the execution against the said David, be not served until the decision of the General-Court. Sent up by Mr. Greene.

Voted, That the account of Nicholas Nicholle, amounting to three pounds three shillings, be allowed and paid out of the public Treasury, by order of the President. Sent up by Mr. Greene.

*12 : 704 *The following vote came down from the honorable Senate for concurrence.

State of New Hampshire.

In Senate, February 24, 1785.

Resolved, That the sums due on the several rolls to the members of the House of Representatives, respectively, for attendance in General-Court since the first Wednesday in June last, be charged to the several towns and districts they represent in the tax bill ordered the present session; and that orders drawn by the persons therein named, be received in discharge of the taxes of the several towns and districts they represent.

Sent down for concurrence.

E. Thompson, Secretary.

In the House of Representatives,

The same day read and concurred.

Sent up by Major Whitcomb.

Upon reading and considering the petition of Ebenezer Torrey, — *Voted*, That the petitioner be heard thereon, before the General-Court, on the second Tuesday of their next session; and that in the meantime the petitioners cause that David Learned, and Abel Learned, mentioned in said petition, be served each with a copy of the petition, and order of Court thereon, that they, or either of them, may then appear and shew cause (if any they have) why the prayer thereof may not be granted. Sent up by Major Whitcomb.

Adjourned to eight o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1785.

The House met according to adjournment.

Voted, That the account of Joseph Pearson, Esq. amounting to three pounds eleven shillings, be allowed and paid out of the Treasury, by order of the President. Sent up by Major Whitcomb.

The following vote came down from the honorable Senate for concurrence:

State of New Hampshire.

IN SENATE, February 25, 1785.

Voted, That the Hon. Timothy Farrar, Esq. be added to the Commissioners for the county of Hillsborough. to administer the oaths as by law appointed, to the civil and military officers within said county; and he is hereby impowered, together with
*one of the Council, or one of the Commissioners, to *12:705
administer the said oaths agreeably to the Constitution
and the Laws of said State; and that Ebenezer Thompson, Esq. be added to the Commissioners in the county of Strafford; and Joseph Gilman, Esq. be added to the Commissioners in the county of Rockingham; and James Woodward, Esq. be added to the commissioners in the county of Grafton; for the purposes, and in the manner abovementioned. Sent down for concurrence.

E. Thompson, Secretary.

The same day read and concurred. Sent up by Mr. Ayer.

Voted, That his Excellency the President, with advice of Council, give directions, and pass such orders as they judge necessary, for facilitating the settlement of the accounts between this State and the United-States.

Voted, That the General-Court be now adjourned, to meet again at the State-House in Portsmouth, on the twenty-fourth day of May next, agreeably to a report of the committee on necessary business.

Sent up by Mr. Wiggin.

The Secretary came down, and gave information that he was directed by his Excellency the Vice-President, to inform the House that agreeably to a vote of the General-Court, he hath adjourned the Court to the twenty-fourth day of May next, then to meet at the State-House in Portsmouth; and this Court is accordingly adjourned.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

A REGISTER OF RESOLUTIONS AND ADVICE OF COUNCIL.

BEGUN AT THE FIRST SESSION IN JUNE, 1784.

AN EXTRACT FROM THE CONSTITUTION,

CONTAINING A

BILL OF RIGHTS, AND FORM OF GOVERNMENT, ETC., ETC.

"The Resolutions and Advice of the Council shall be recorded in a "Register, and signed by the Members present, and this record may be "called for at any time, by either house of the Legislature, and any "Member of the Council may enter his opinion contrary to the resolu- "tion of the majority."

NOTE. — In an article in the "Granite Monthly," New Hampshire Magazine, Vol. 10, p. 194, "New Hampshire in 1784," many interesting facts are given concerning the inauguration and personnel of the state government of the first year under the new constitution. Many of the men connected with the administration of state affairs at this time had been prominent in the Province and Provisional Revolutionary Governments. As to such, many biographical notes will be found by reference to the preceding volumes of this series and to Chandler E. Potter's Military History of New Hampshire, in the report of the Adjutant-General of New Hampshire, 1866, vol. 2, and the report of the same officer for 1868. — EDITOR.

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*STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

JUNE, 1784. A REGISTER OF THE RESOLUTIONS AND ADVICE OF THE COUNCIL, WHO WERE CHOSEN AGREEABLY TO THE NEW CONSTITUTION OF SAID STATE TO ASSIST HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT IN THE EXECUTIVE PART OF GOVERNMENT, AT THE FIRST SESSION IN JUNE, 1784.

CONCORD, June the 8th, 1784.

June 8. His Excellency MESHECH WEARE, Esqr,[1] the President, being absent by reason of sickness, the Honorable WOODBURY LANGDON, Esqr[2] was appointed by the Senate to preside as Senior Senator in the absence of his Excellency, and who, by & with advice of Council, issued the following Orders, drawn on the Treasurer of said State, agreeable to sundry Votes and Acts of the General Court, viz., in favor of:

Lieut. Daniel McMurphy, one for Twenty pounds, and one for a Note on Interest payable, &c., for Twenty Pounds in full, for half pay to 16 May 1784 as an Invalid Pensioner. ℘ Vote of Court, 10 June . . .	40,,	0,,	0
Thomas Bartlett, Esqr, for five pounds nine, acting as a special Justice. ℘ Vote of 11 June	5,,	9,,	0
John Calfe, Esqr, for four pounds, five shillings & sixpence, recording Journal of the House. ℘ Vote of 12 June	4,,	5,,	6
Caleb Buswell, forty shillings, as Door-keeper. ℘ Vote of the 12 June	2,,	0,,	0
Benja Bigelow, Thirty pounds to be accountable as Agent Victualler. ℘ Vote 15 June, 1784 . . .	30,,	0,,	0

*1 P. &C.:4 *JUNE 15, 1784.

At a Council holden at Exeter the 15 June, 1784,
Present
His Excellency Meshech Weare, Esquire President,
The Honble John McClary,[3]
Francis Blood,
Nathl Peabody, &
Moses Chase, Esqrs Members of Council.

1. Biography, N. H. Hist. Soc. Collections, Vol. 5, p. 243.

2. Biography, Adams's Annals of Portsmouth, 330.

3. This name, now generally spelled McClary, is, with only an occasional exception, McCleary in the autograph on the mss. records of the President and Council.

His Excellency requested the advice of Council relative to drawing Orders on the Treasurer;

Upon which the Council unanimously advised His Excellency to issue his Orders on the Treasurer, agreeable to all Acts, Votes, and Resolves that have been passed by the Legislature of said State authorizing the same. Signed, John McCleary.
Francis Blood.
Nath[l] Peabody.
Moses Chase

June 15. The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, viz.: in favor of the town of Londonderry (to be paid by discount out of the State Taxes) for Six pounds eight shillings travel money pd Soldiers as ℔ Acco[t] 6,, 8,, 0

D° James Knowles, for thirty two shillings, counting votes for Counsellors 1,, 12,, 0

D° in favor of the town of Windham (to be paid by discount out of the State Taxes), for fifty shillings, travel money as ℔ Acco[t] 2,, 10,, 0

D° in favor of Robert Cunningham, for Seventeen pounds one shilling, 6 mo. service in 1780 17,, 1,, 0

* 1 P. & C.: 5 * 1784, June. His Excellency informed the Council that he should need their advice on the last Tuesday in June current, and accordingly desired their attendance at Exeter on said Day, at 3 o'clock P. M.

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, viz., in favor of:

Samuel Knox, for Twenty four pounds ten shillings, for Depreciation to 1780 . . . . . 24,, 10,, 0

D° Jeremiah Fairfield, for seventeen pounds thirteen shillings & seven pence, a six months' man in 1780 . 17,, 13,, 7

D° Robert Forrest, for fourteen pounds eight shillings, Dep[tn] in 1778 & 1779 . . . . . 14,, 8,, 0

And for Twenty three pounds sixteen shillings & ten pence, Dep[tn] in 1780 . . . . . 23,, 16,, 10

And for Three pounds fourteen shillings and eight pence, Dep[tn] in 1781 . . . . . 3,, 14,, 8

[June] 16. D° in favor of Moses Davis, for twenty three pounds fifteen shillings and sixpence, Depreciation in 1780 . . . . . 23,, 15,, 6

D° in favor of L[t] John Moore, for one hundred & one pounds twelve shillings & nine pence, Dep[tn] in 1777 & 1778 . . . . . 101,, 12,, 9

[June] 18. D° in favor of Aaron Smith, for Twenty one pounds in full, for half pay to June 1, 1784 . . 21,, 0,, 0

[June] 19. D° in favor of Daniel Ritter, for Seventeen pounds seventeen shill^gs^, Dep^tn^ in 1777, '78 & '79 17,, 17,, 0

[June] 21. D° in favor of Thos Blake, Lieut., for One hundred & Twenty three pounds eighteen shillings & six-pence Dep^tn^ in 1781 . . . . . 123,, 18,, 6

[June] 24. D° in favor of Nich^s^ Leathers, for Three pounds fourteen shill'gs & 8^d^, Dep^tn^ in 1781 3,, 14,, 8

*1 P. & C.: 6 * 1784, June 25, Minius Griffin, for Sixteen pounds nine shillings and four pence, Dep^tn^ in 1777 & 78 . . . . . 16,, 9,, 4

D° in favor of Benjamin Jenness, for eight pounds one shill^g^ & 4^d^, 6 mo. Service, 1781 . . . . 8,, 1,, 4

At a Council holden at Exeter on the 29 of June, 1784,
Present

His Excellency Meshech Weare, Esqr, President
The Hon. John M^c^Clary,
Joseph Badger,
Nathl Peabody, &
Francis Blood, Esq^rs^, Members of Council.

His Excellency the President laid before the Council an Ordinance of the Congress of the United States dated May 29, 1784, recommending it to the Supreme Executive Authority of each State to issue their Proclamations for apprehending a person calling himself Chevalier de Longchamps, who had committed a violent Assault and Battery on the person of Mr Marbois, Consul General to his most Christian Majesty, and at the same time laid before them a Letter from the President of s^d^ Congress of the 31 of May last informing him that said Longchamps was apprehended & confined in the City of Philadelphia.

On which his Excellency the President desired the advice of his Council, Whether it was necessary for him to issue a Proclamation agreeable to the Ordinance of Congress?

On which the Council unanimously advised his Excellency, as said * Longchamps, was apprehended, they * 1 P. & C.: 7 thought that to issue a proclamation was unnecessary.

Signed John M^c^Cleary.
Joseph Badger.
Nathl Peabody.
Francis Blood.

His Excellency issued an order on the Treasurer in favor of Nathl Church for Sixty five pounds in full of half pay as an Invalid to 1 June, 1784. . . . . 65,, 0,, 0

June 30th. Present as Yesterday.

Pursuant to a Vote of the General Court, His Excellency the President issued a warrant, drawn on the Treasurer to pay the Roll of Attendance & travel of the Senate at the late Session of the General Court, amounting to Seventy pounds seven shillings . . 70,, 7,, 0

Pursuant to a Vote of the General Court of 11th of June, 1784, His Excellency issued an Order on the Treasurer for the payment of the Roll for the travel of the house of Representatives the last Session, with the wages of the Clerk & assistant Clerk of said House, amounting to One Hundred and Sixty three pounds two shillings & four pence 163,, 2,, 4

*1 P. & C.: 8 * June 30. In pursuance of the before-mentioned Vote, His Excellency drew a warrant on the Treasurer directing him to pay the Roll of the House of Representatives for the last Session, amounting to three hundred and Twenty six pounds two shillings, by accepting Orders for discharge of Taxes due from the respective Towns & Districts they represent, and directing said Treasurer to charge the same to the respective Town & Districts in the next tax Bill 326,, 2,, 0

Ordered the Treasurer to issue a Note on Interest in favor of John M. Coy, for seventeen pounds eleven shillings in full for half pay as an Invalid to 1 Novr., 1779, at which time his half pay ceased . . . 17,, 11,, 0

The following Orders were issued & drawn on the Treasurer of sd State, viz., in favor of Ezekiel Procter, for Twelve pounds one shilling and four pence, Depreciatn in 1781 . . . . . 12,, 1,, 4

Do The Town of Madbury for Twenty pounds two shillings & 4d, Bounty pd Geo. Ham in 1777 . . 20,, 2,, 4

Do in favor of Thos Beal, for Twenty pounds nine shillings & nine pence, Depreciatn in 1780 . . . 20,, 9,, 9

Do In favor of Simon Winslow, for seventeen pounds six shillgs & nine pence, 6 mo Service in 1780 . . 17,, 6,, 9

Adjourned 'till tomorrow, 9 o'clock.

*1 P. & C.: 9 *THURSDAY, July 1, 1784.

Present as Yesterday.

Upon application made by the Treasurer; his Excellency desired the advice of Council, what directions were necessary to give the

Treasurer for his Rule to carry into execution the Act of the General Court of the 11 June last for paying the Interest and sinking part of the Principal of this State's Debt; on which the Council advised that as the said Act enabled and directed the Treasurer to issue Certificates for Interest and also for fifteen ℘ Cent of the Principal of the Securities of this State, owned by the Inhabitants thereof, that it was necessary where the Treasurer was not satisfactorily convinced that the Securities offered were owned by the Inhabitants of this State, that he refuse issuing Certificates unless the person or persons requesting the same make Oath that such Security or securities so offered were, bona fide, the property of some Inhabitant or Inhabitants of this State.

Signed John M^c^Cleary.
Joseph Badger.
Nathl Peabody.
Francis Blood.

Mr Jedidiah Jewett applied to his Excellency for direction, how he should proceed in endeavoring to obtain the pay for a number of this State's * Cattle which he sold one Hill- * 1. P. & C. : 10 house of Connecticutt, on which his Excellency & Council were of opinion, that they were not authorized to give any directions in the matter.

His Excellency the President directed the Council to attend him again on the last Tuesday of July current at Exeter at 3 o'clock, P. M.

July 2, The following orders were issued, viz., in favor of Morril Shephard for sixteen pounds, three shillings & two pence, Depreciat^n^ in 1781 . . . . . 16,, 3,, 2

[July] 5.

D^o^ Willm Pettingill, for seven pounds three shillings, Depreciat^n^ in 1780 . . . . . 7,, 3,, 0

[July] 6.

D^o^ in favor of Edward Evans, for Eighteen pounds in full of half pay to 5 July, 1784 . . . . . 18,, 0,, 0

[July] 10.

D^o^ Nich^s^ Kenniston, Seventeen pounds two shillings & sixpence, 6 ^mo^ service 1780 . . . . . 17,, 2,, 6

[July] 20.

D^o^ Joseph How, for twenty pounds eighteen shillings & five pence, Dep^tn^ 1781 . . . . . 20,, 18,, 5

D^o^ David Kennison, for seventeen pounds two shillings & sixpence, 6 ^mo^ Service 1780 . . . . . 17,, 2,, 6

D^o^ Daniel Brown, for five pounds half pay to 1 July, 1784 . . . . . 5,, 0,, 0

D° James Hall, for thirty one pounds four shillings,
Dept^n 1781 . . . . . 31,, 4,, 0

*1 P. & C.: 11 *At a Council holden at Exeter on Tuesday, the 27th of July, 1784,

Present

His Excellency Meshech Weare, Esqr President.
The Honor^ble John M. Cleary,
Joseph Badger,
Nathl Peabody,
Francis Blood, Esq^rs
Counsellors.

Several matters under consideration.

Adjourned till tomorrow morning, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Wednesday, July 28, 1784. Present as Yesterday. His Excellency the President informed the Council that the time the Soldiers enlisted for, to guard Piscataqua Harbour was expired, and desired their advice relative to what ought to be done in that respect. On which the Council advised his Excellency to issue Orders to Lieut. Meshech Bell to enlist Six men to serve under his Command until the first day of January next on the same Terms as those who served last year, to do duty at said Harbour and at the light-House. And that said Bell be authorized & directed to superintend the Light House and see that a Light be kept agreeably to the Law in that behalf provided.

Signed John McCleary.
Francis Blood.
Joseph Badger.
Nathl Peabody.

*1 P. & C.: 12 *STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

EXETER, July 28th, 1784.

To Lieut. Meshech Bell:

You are hereby authorized & directed to enlist Six able bodied, effective men to serve under your Command at the old Fort called William and Mary, at New Castle, until the first day of January next, who are to have the same wages & rations as those who served the last year under your Command. You are to use your utmost Endeavor to see that the laws respecting Trade & Navigation are complied with, and to obey such orders as you may receive from me or the Commander in Chief for the time being or the Naval Officer of the State agreeably to law. And in particular you are to see that sufficient lights are kept in the light House according to law.

By Advice of Council, M. Weare, President.

The following Orders were drawn on the Treasurer, viz., in favor of:

Eliph[t] Griffin, father of Jon[a] Griffin, deceased, for thirteen pounds sixteen shillings, for Dep[tn] due to Jon[a] in 1781 . . . . . 13,, 16,, 0

D° in favor of Hon. W[y] Langdon, Esq., for forty shillings, time & expenses to notify the President of his Election 2,, 0,, 0

D° the Hon. W[y] Langdon, Esq., for three pounds, service to qualify the Members of Senate & House. ℘ Vote 11 June, 1784 . . . . . 3,, 0,, 0

[July] 28. Judge Livermore, Eighteen pounds fifteen shillings, as Chief Just[ce] from 25 March to 25 June, 1784. ℘ Vote of Court, 27 Dec[r], 1783 18,, 15,, 0

*1 P. & C.: 13 *July 29, Nath[l] Burbank, for thirteen pounds two shill[gs] and eight pence, Depreci[tn] in 1781 . . . . . 13,, 2,, 0

D° in favor of the Hon. Josiah Bartlett, Esq[r], for Six pounds, for services in attending to qualify the Members of Senate & House. ℘ Vote of 11th June, 1784 . 6,, 0,, 0

D° in favor of Abner Gage, an Invalid, for fifty nine pounds, half pay to 1 May, 1784 . . . . . 59,, 0,, 0

THURSDAY, JULY 29th, 1784.

Present as Yesterday.

Pursuant to a Vote of Gen[l] Court of the 25 of June, 1782, His Excellency the President drew an Order on the Treasurer to pay the Financier of the United States or his order the Sum of Ten Thousand Dollars 3000,, 0,, 0

His Excellency the President informed the Council that he should need their advice & assistance again on the first Tuesday in September next, and desired their attendance at Exeter on said day accordingly.

Aug. 11, The following Orders were drawn on the Treasurer, viz., in favor of:

Jacob Scaggell, for Twelve pounds eight shill[gs] & eight pence, Dep[tn] in 1781 . . . . . 12,, 8,, 8

[Aug.] 13.

Sam[l] Potter, an Invalid, for Seven pounds sixteen shillings, half pay to Aug. 10, 1784 . 7,, 16,, 0

*1 P. & C.: 14 *Aug. 16, D° in favor of Nicholas Kennistone, 6[mo] man in 1780, for Seventeen pounds two shillings and six pence . . 17,, 2,, 6

[Aug.] 21, D° in favor of John Clough, for five pounds two shillings & eleven pence, Dep^{tn} in 1780 . 5,, 2,, 11

[Aug.] 23, D° in favor of James Knokes, a Six months man in 1781, for Eight pounds 8,, 0,, 0

D° in favor of Lt Andrew M. Gaffey, for thirty two pounds, one third of monthly pay to 1 day of Novr 1783 . . . . . 32,, 0,, 0

D° in favor of Eli Glines, for Six pounds thirteen shillings & eight pence, 3mo man in Capt. Webster's Co., in 1782 . . . . . 6,, 13,, 8

D° in favor of John Gibson, for seven pounds and nine pence, Capt. Stone's Co., Coos, 1780 . . . . 7,, 0,, 9

[Aug.] 24, D° in favor of Arch^{d} Clark, deceased, for Six pounds nineteen shillings & five pence, Deprec^{tn} in 1781, granted to Abra^{m} Morrison, Adm^{str} 6,, 19,, 5

[Aug.] 25, D° Abra^{m} Morrison Administrator to the Estate of Arch^{d} Clark, deceasd, for Eleven pounds three shillings & four pence, a mistake made yesterday in settling the Depreciation due to said Clark . . 11,, 3,, 4

[Aug.] 28, D° Jonathan Foster, for Eight pounds sixteen shillings & one penny, 3mo man in Capt. Barron's Co., in 1780 . . . . . 8,, 16,, 1

[Aug.] 30, D° in favor of the Rev. Mr. McClintock,[1] for fifteen pounds, for his Election Sermon 15,, 0,, 0

* 1 P. & C. : 15 [30] of * Sept. D° in favor of Timothy Kimball, for seventeen pounds, eighteen shillings and eight pence, for Depreciation in 1780 . 17,, 18,, 8

D° in favor of Capt. Jon^{a} Cass, for Six pounds sixteen shillings & six pence, an overcharge for New Emission in 1781, ℔ vote of 8 Ap^{l} 1784 . . . . . 6,, 16,, 6

D° in favor of Mary S. Tokel, wid° of Robt S. Tokel, for Nineteen pounds ten shillings & ten pence, for Depreciation to 1780 . . . . . 19,, 10,, 10

D° in favor of John Bonner, for fourteen pounds two shillings & eight pence, for Depreciation in 1781 . 14,, 2,, 8

[TUESDAY,] Sept. 7th.

At a Council holden at Exeter on Tuesday, the 7th of September, 1784,

Present

His Excellency Meshech Weare, Esqr, Presid^{t}.
The Hon. John M. Clary,
Joseph Badger,

1 Biography, Farmer and Moore Historical Collections, Vol. 2, p. 273.

The Hon. Nath[l] Peabody,
Francis Blood,
Moses Chase, Esq[rs],
Counsellors.

Took under consideration sundry matters relative to organizing the Militia and also the nomination of Officers. Adjourned 'till tomorrow, 9 o'clock A. M.

WEDNESDAY, Sept[r] 8th, 1784.

Present as yesterday, and the same matters under consideration. Adjourned till tomorrow.

* 1 P. & C. : 16 * THURSDAY, September the 9th, 1784.

Met according to adjournment.

Present as yesterday, and the same matters under consideration.

An Order on the Treasurer was granted in favor of Joshua Heath, father of Moses Heath, for sixteen pounds three shillings & five pence, for Depreciation in 1781 . . . . . 16,, 3,, 5

Ordered the Treasurer to pay Moses Leavitt, Esq[r] forty shillings, time and expenses going to notify his Excellency the Presid[t] of his Election 2,, 0,, 0

Ordered the Treasurer to pay Stephen Colby Thirteen pounds two shillings & eight pence, for Depreciation in 1781 . . . . . 13,, 2,, 8

FRIDAY, September 10th, 1784.

Present as yesterday, and took under consideration sundry matters relative to civil officers.

SATURDAY, Sept[r] 11, 1784.

Present the same as yesterday and the same matters under consideration.

Ordered the Treasurer to pay Robert Fenny Sixteen pounds fourteen shillings and one penny, for Wages, Bounty, &c., as a 6[mo] man in 1780 . . . . . 16,, 14,, 1

Ordered the Treasurer to pay Will[m] Pettigrew twenty three pounds fifteen shillings and two pence, for Depreciation in 1780 . . . . . 23,, 15,, 2

And two pounds eighteen shillings & eight pence, for depreciation in 1781 . . . 2,, 18,, 8

*1 P. & C.: 17 * 11 Sept. 1784, Ordered the Treas^r to pay the travel & attendan^ce of the Hon. Council between 15 June and 11 Sep^t, amo^tg to Seventy two pounds 18/2 . . . . . 72,, 18,, 2

Sept. 13. An order on the Treas^r was granted in favor of Henry Springer, for eighteen shillings & four pence, Deprec^tn in 1780 . . . . . 0,, 18,, 4

Ordered the Treas^r to pay by discount out of the State Taxes to Phillip Warren or Bearer Seven pounds sixteen shillings & four pence, for Wages in Capt. Stevens Co., 3mo Service in 1780 . . . . . 7,, 16,, 4

[Sept.] 20. An order on the Treas^r was issued in favor of Boston Pickering, for Seventeen pounds eight shillings & seven pence, 6mo Service in 1780 . . 17,, 8,, 7

An Order on the Treas^r was issued for a Note on Interest payable in one year from the date thereof, in favor of Mrs Sarah Adams, wid^o of the late Lt Col^o W. Adams, for One Hundred & eight pounds in full for seven years half pay. ☞ Vote of Court of 26 June, 1782 . . . . . 108,, 0,, 0

[Sept.] 21, ordered the Treas^r to pay by discount out of the State Taxes to Joseph Stephenson or Bearer fourteen pounds twelve shillings, for Wages, &c., in 6 ^mo Service in 1780 . . . . . 14,, 12,, 0

[Sept.] 23. Ordered the Treas^r to pay Betty Tate, Wid^o of Mark Tate, Seventeen pounds two shillings & six pence, Deprec^tn in 1777 & 1778 . . . . 17,, 2,, 6

Ordered the Treas^r to pay George Montgomery Nineteen pounds eight shillings, Deprec^tn in 1781 . . 19,, 8,, 0

Ordered the Treasurer to pay Willm Gregory sixteen pounds nineteen shillings and two pence, Depreciat^n in 1781 . . . . . 16,, 19,, 2

*1 P. & C.: 18 * Sept. 29, Ordered the Treasurer to issue a Note on Interest payable in one year from the date thereof in favor of Maj^r Samuel Sherburne for Ninety pounds in full, for half pay to Sept 11th, 1784 . . . . . 90,, 0,, 0

Ordered the Treasurer to pay by discount out of the State Taxes to Dearborn Loverin or Bearer Six pounds four shillings, 3mo service Defence of western frontiers 6,, 4,, 0

Oct. 8. An order was issued in favor of Anna Thomas, Wid^o of the late Lt. Joseph Morril Thomas for

forty eight pounds in full, for seven years half pay. ℔ vote of Court 48,, 0,, 0

[Oct.] 9, An order was issued on the Treasurer in favor of Robert McKnight for eleven pounds seventeen shillings & nine pence, Depreciation 1781 . . . 11,, 17,, 9

[Oct.] 14, Ordered the Treasurer to pay Timothy Ricker four pounds sixteen shillings, for Depreciation in 1780 . . . . . 4,, 16,, 0

[Oct.] 16, Ordered the Treasurer to pay Paul Cook or Bearer four pounds three shillings & four pence, in 3mo Service Capt. Woodman's Company, in 1781 . . 4,, 3,, 4

Ordered the Treasr to pay by discount out of the State Taxes to Joseph Dearborn six pounds four shillings, 3mo Service in 1781 . . . 6,, 4,, 0

*1 P. & C.: 19 *Oct. 18. An order on the Treasurer was granted for a Note in favor of Wm Hastings for Twelve pounds in full of half pay to Octo 1, 1784 . . . . . 12,, 0,, 0

[Oct.] 21, 1784, Ordered the Treasurer to pay Mr Henry Wight thirty shillings, for his Service as Chaplain to the General Court last Session 1,, 10,, 0

[Oct.] 25, Ordered the Treasr to pay by discount out of the State Taxes to Joshua Richardson or Bearer Eight pounds sixteen shillings & one penny, Capt. Barron's Co. in 1780 . . . . . 8,, 16,, 1

[Oct.] 26, Ordered the Treasr to pay the Hon. Jonathan Blanchard Esqr Twenty four pounds, being the Balce of his Acct as a Member of Congress from 26 of January 1784 to 28th of Augt following. ℔ Vote of 19 Dec., 1783 . . . . . 24,, 0,, 0

Ordered the Treasurer to pay the Hon. Abiel Foster, Esq., One Hundred & Sixty Eight pounds eighteen shillings, being the Balce of his Accot as a Member of Congress from the 8th July 1783 to the 23d of June, 1784. ℔ Votes of 15 Jany 1782 and the 19th of Decr 1783 . . . . . 160,, 18,, 0

Ordered the Treasr to pay Elijah Blodgett eighteen pounds twelve shillings, for expenditures curing a Wound ℔ vote of Court 27 Octo 1784 . . 18,, 12,, 0

*1 P. & C.: 20 *Oct. 28, Ordered the Treasr to issue a Note in favor Sergt John Colburn for Seventy one pounds, for Depreciation to 1780 . 71,, 0,, 0

And also another for Eleven pounds two shillings, Deprectn in 1780 . . . . . 11,, 2,, 0

Ordered the Treas^{r} to issue a Note in favor of Josiah Hardy for fourteen pounds twelve shillings, Depreci^{tn} in 1781	14,,	12,,	0
Ordered the Treas^{r} to pay John Stone fifteen pounds two shillings & 4d, Deprec^{tn} 1781	15,,	2,,	4
D^{o} Stephen White, Eighteen pounds five shillings & ten pence	18,,	5,,	10
And Stephen Richardson nineteen pounds ten shillings & eleven pence, for Deprec^{tn} in 1781 . . .	19,,	10,,	11
Ordered the Treas^{r} to pay Solomon Harris Twenty three pounds fourteen shillings and two pence, for Deprec^{tn} in 1780	23,,	14,,	2
And Twenty pounds sixteen shillings, Dep^{tn} 1781 .	20,,	16,,	0
Ordered the Treas^{r} to pay Nich^{s} Nicoll five pounds eighteen shillings & 2d, Expenses & Concord . .	5,,	18,,	2
Ordered the Treas^{r} to pay the following soldiers, vizt. :			
Randall McAllister, Eleven pounds eighteen shillings and 8^{d}, for Deprec^{tn} 1780	11,,	18,,	8
Christ^{o} Marsh, Seven pounds, Dep^{tn} 1777 . .	7,,	0,,	0
John Holmes, Eight pounds fourteen shillings & eight pence, Dep^{tn} 1777	8,,	14,,	0
Joel Fox, four pounds ten shillings, Dep^{tn} to 1780 .	4,,	10,,	8
Elisha Adams, 6mo man in 1781, five pounds six shillings & eight pence	5,,	6,,	8
Isaac Stearns, Seventeen ponnds one shilling & ten pence, Depreciation 1781 . . .	17,,	1,,	10
* 1 P. & C. : 21 * Oct. 1784, John Dole, Seventeen pounds four shillings, for Depreciation in 1781	17,,	4,,	0
Jonathan Morse, Fifteen pounds three shillings and 2d, Depreci^{tn} in 1781	15,,	3,,	2
Stephen Noble, six^{mo} man in 1780, Sixteen pounds fourteen shillings & 1^{d}	16,,	14,,	1
William Durrah, Fifteen pounds two shillings & 5^{d}, Dep^{tn} to 1780	15,,	2,,	5
And Twenty nine pounds four shillings and six pence, Depreciat^{n} in 1780	29,,	4,,	6
Amos Spafford, nineteen pounds ten shillings & ten pence, Dept^{n} in 1781	19,,	10,,	10
Samuel Spear, Twenty four pounds, for Depreciation in 1780	24,,	0,,	0
Four pounds nine shillings & 4^{d} Dep^{tn} in 1781 .	4,,	9,,	4

Ordered the Treas^{r} to pay by discount out of the State Taxes, to the Selectmen of Lyndeborough Three pounds, being travel money paid four Soldiers to Springfield 3,, 0,, 0

Ordered the Treas^{r} to pay the Revd Israel Evans five hundred & seventy one pounds seventeen shillings & six pence, for Depreciation to 1780 . . . 571,, 17,, 6

Also One Hundred fifty four pounds seventeen shillings and six pence, for the year 1780 . . . . 154,, 17,, 6

Ordered the Treas^{r} to pay the following Soldiers, viz. :

To Maj. Jason Wait, Seventy seven pounds two shillings & six pence, Deprecia^{tn} in 1781 . . . 77,, 2,, 6

To Lieut. Thomas Kemp, one hundred and fifty five pounds thirteen shill^{g} 4^{d}, Deprecia^{tn} to 1780 . . 155,, 13,, 4

Also fifty nine pounds, Deprec^{tn} in 1780 59,, 0,, 0

* 1 P. & C. : 22 * To Moses George, Ten pounds four shillings and six pence Depreciat^{tn} 1781 10,, 4,, 6

To Abner Preston, Twenty nine shillings and five pence, Deprec^{tn} for 1780 . . . . . 1,, 9,, 5

Oct. 30, 1 784, To James Adams, Adminis^{tr} Noah Parkis in Capt. Stone's Company in 1780, the sum of Ten pounds nineteen shillings & eleven pence . . 10,, 19,, 11

To Lieut Jonathan Emerson, eighty eight pounds eleven shillings, for Deprec^{tn} in 1780, but should have been given for Depre^{tn} to 1780 . . . . . 88,, 11,, 0

To Serg^{t} David Hall, Six pounds two shillings & seven pence, for Deprecia^{tn} in 1780 . . . . 6,, 2,, 7

To Benjamin Smith, nine pounds, for Depreciation in 1781 . . . . . 9,, 0,, 0

To Amos Baker, Seventeen pounds twelve shillings & nine pence, Deprec^{tn} in 1781 . . . . . 17,, 12,, 9

To Lt Nathan Wesson, in Flewer's Reg. Artif^{r} one hundred & sixty four pounds, for Depreciat^{n} in 1778 & 1779 . . . . . 164,, 0,, 0

Also Fifty nine pounds, for Depre^{tn} in 1780 . . 59,, 0,, 0

Ordered the Treas^{r} to pay Lt. James Gould Eighteen pounds fourteen shillings & eight pence, being the sum deducted when his Doct^{rs} Bill was settled. ℔ vote of Court of 20 Oct^{o} 1784 . . . . . 18,, 14,, 8

Ordered the Treasurer to pay Robt McClurgh Eight shillings & four pence, Dep^{tn} in 1780 . . . . . 0,, 8,, 4

Ordered the Treas^{r} to pay the following orders, viz., in favor of :

Wilder Willard, for the sum of forty six pounds ten shillings & six pence, for Depreciation to 1780 . . 46,, 10,, 6
Also seven pounds three shillings 7d Deprectn in 1780 . . . . . 7,, 3,, 7
Do Lt. Moses Belding, Ninety Eight pounds three shillings & six pence, Depretn to 1780 . . . . 98,, 3,, 6

*1 P. & C.: 23 *Do John Perkins, four pounds three shillings & four pence, Capt. Woodman's Company, 3mo service in 1781 . . . . 4,, 3,, 4
Do John Palmer, four pounds three shillings & four pence, Capt Woodman's Company, 3mo service in 1781 4,, 3,, 4
Do Aaron Buzzell, Six pounds four shillings, Capt. Smith's Co. at the West ward in 1781 . . . . 6,, 4,, 0
Do Eliaht Cromwell, Seven pounds two shillings, Deprectn in 1777 . . . . . 7,, 2,, 0
Do Derrick Oxford, forty nine pounds eleven shillings & two pence, Depretn to 1780 . . . . . 49,, 11,, 2
And eight pounds three shillings for 1780 . . 8,, 3,, 0
Do Stephen Scranton, Sixteen pounds, seventeen shillings & seven pence, Deprcitn in 1780 . . . . 16,, 17,, 7
And Twenty pounds eight shillings for 1781 . . 20,, 8,, 0
Do Jona Hazelton, Twenty nine pounds nine shillings & five pence, Deprcitn to 1780 . . . . . 29,, 9,, 5
Twenty four pounds for 1780 . . . . . 24,, 0,, 0
And Twenty pounds sixteen shillings for 1781 . 20,, 16,, 0
Do John Lock, Seven pounds four shillings & four pence 7,, 4,, 4
Reuben Baldwin, Seven pounds four shillings & four pence 7,, 4,, 4
Paul Stickney, five pounds five shillings . . . 5,, 5,, 0
John Goold, four pounds fifteen shillings & eight pence 4,, 15,, 8
Ephm Hildreth, four pounds fifteen shillings & eight pence and 4,, 15,, 8
John Goold Junr, four pounds fifteen shillings & eight pence, Capt. Thomas' Company, 3mo Service in 1781 . . . . . 4,, 15,, 8

*1 P. & C.: 24 *Nov. 3, 1784. Do Joseph Green, Twenty pounds sixteen shillings, Deprcitn in 1781 . . . . . 20,, 16,, 0

Ordered the Treasr to pay Willm Whipple Esqr Thirty five pounds for his Services as one of the puisne Justices of the Supr Court from 20th March to 20th Sept.,

1784. ℔ vote of Court of 27th Decr, 1783 . . 35,, 0,, 0

Ordered the Treasr to issue a Note with Interest in favor of Saml Emmerson for Two hundred & six pounds twelve shillings & five pence, due Jan.y 1st, 1780 . 206,, 12,, 5

Also one hundred and twenty one pounds thirteen shillings & nine pence, due 1 Jany 1781, being the balce of his Accot. ℔ vote 12 June, 1784 . . . . 121,, 13,, 8

Ordered the Treasr to pay David Bradley sixteen pounds two shillings & nine pence, for wages, &c., in Capt. Paines Co in 1780 . . . . . 16,, 2,, 6

Ordered the Treasr to pay by discount to the Selectmen of New Ipswich five pounds Travel money paid sundy soldiers to Springfd 5,, 0,, 0

Ordered the Treasr to pay the Pay-roll of the Travel of the House of Representatives, amounting to one hundred and eighty two pounds seventeen shillings & four pence 182,, 17,, 4

Ordered the Treasr to let the Hon. Abiel Foster, Esq., have and receive out of the Treasury one hundred & twenty pounds to enable him to proceed to Congress, for which he is accountable . 120,, 0,, 0

* 1 P. & C. : 25 * Nov. 9. Ordered the Treasurer to pay the Roll for the Attendance & travel of his Excellency's Council from 15th of June to the 11 Sept., 1784, amounting to fifty two pounds nineteen shillings 52,, 19,, 0

Ordered the Treasr to pay Noah Worcester, Esq. forty eight shillings & eleven pence, Service in attending Supr Court. ℔ vote Oct. 28th, 1784 . . . 2,, 8,, 11

Ordered the Treasr to pay John Duncan, Esq., eighteen shillings, journey, &c., to Campbell's Gore to call a meeting. Vote 5, Novr, 1784 . . . . 0,, 18,, 0

Ordered the Treasr to pay Geo. Long seventeen pounds four shillings and nine pence ½d, Expenses, &c., to Halifax. ℔ Vote of 29 Octor, 1784 . . . . 17,, 4,, 9½

Ordered the Treasr to pay by discount to Amos Spafford or Bearer seventeen pounds thirteen shillings & 6d, for wages, &c., in 6mo Service 1780 . . . 17,, 13,, 6

Ordered the Treasr to pay by discount to the Selectmen of Dunbarton thirty three shillings & eight pence, travel money pd Dl Jamerson & L. Gitchel in Capt. Boyes Co. 1,, 13,, 8

Pursuant to an Act of 1st March, 1783, Ordered the Treasr to issue a Note in favor of Martin Ashley for

forty pounds fifteen shillings, being his demand as settled by the Commissioners on the Estate of Josiah Pomeroy, an Absentee, & a return thereof made by the Judge of Probate for the County of Cheshire into the Secretary's Office 40,, 15,, 0

* 1 P. & C. : 26 * Nov. 10, Ordered the Treas^r to pay Col. Christ^o Toppan forty shillings, time and expense to notify His Excellency of his Election. Vote, June 12, 1784 . . . . 2,, 0,, 0

Nov. 11. Ordered the Treas^r to pay the Roll of the Travel & Attendance of the Hon. Senate second Session, amounting to seventy six pounds fifteen shillings & ten pence 76,, 15,, 10

Ordered the Treas^r to pay Hezekiah Sartwell Twenty one shillings & four pence, Depreciation to 1781 . 1,, 1,, 4

Ordered the Treas^r to pay by discount out of the State Taxes to the Selectmen of North Hampton fifty four pounds & sixpence, Bounties & Supplies to Soldiers Families. ℘ acts in 1782 & 1783 . . 54,, 0,, 6

Ordered the Treasurer to pay the Roll of the House of Representatives for their attend^ce at the second Session in 1784, amounting to five hundred & four pounds twelve shillings 504,, 12,, 0

Ordered the Treas^r to pay (by discount) Enoch Butler, Jerem^h Avery, & Theo^de Marstin or bearer four pounds ten shillings & four pence each, for wages, &c., in Capt Parson's Company, 3mo Service in 1781 . . . . . 13,, 10,, 6

Ordered the Treas^r to pay Humphrey Hunt thirty three pounds one shilling, Deprc^tn to Jan. 1st, 1780 . 33,, 1,, 0

Ordered Richard Boynton Twenty three pounds four shillings 23,, 4,, 0

And Mark Wentworth Twenty one pounds six shillings for Deprect^n to Jan 1st, 1781 . . . . . 21,, 6,, 0

Ordered the Treas^r to pay His Excellency one hundred pounds, for Services prior to the present Constitution. ℘ vote 9 Nov., 1784 . . . 100,, 0,, 0

* 1 P. & C. : 27 * Nov. 11. Ordered the Treas^r to let the Hon. Pierse Long, Esqr., have & receive one hundred and twenty pounds, to enable him to proceed to Congress, for which sum he is accountable. ℘ Vote Nov. 10, 1784 . . . . . 120,, 0,, 0

Ordered the Treas^r to pay the Hon. John Calfe, Esqr., four pounds three shillings & six pence, record^g

Journals & copying the same for the press, &c. ℔ vote 11th Novr, 1784 . . . . . 4,, 3,, 6

Ordered the Treasr to pay Robert Gerrish Seventy five pounds, for printing, &c., in full of his Accot dated Portsmo, 8 Novr, 1784. ℔ vote of 11 Novr, 1784 . . . . . 75,, 0,, 0

Ordered the Treasr to pay Secretary Thompson Twenty pounds in full for his Services prior to the taking place of the new Constitution 20,, 0,, 0

Ordered the Treasr to pay Capt Josiah Gilman Six pounds eleven shillings, Expenses, &c., attending Court at Concord & Portsmouth in 1784. ℔ vote 11 Novr, 1784 . . . . . 6,, 11,, 0

Ordered the Treasr to pay John Williams four pounds as Doorkeeper to the General Court. ℔ vote 11 Novr, 1784 . . . . . 4,, 0,, 0

Ordered the Treasr to pay John Wight twenty one pounds eighteen shillings 21,, 18,, 0

And Joseph Muzzy Twenty one pounds eighteen shillings, for Depreciation to Jany 1st, 1781 21., 18,, 0

* 1 P. & C. : 28 * Nov. 11, Ordered the Treasurer to pay Lieut Meshech Bell Seventy two pounds 72,, 0,, 0

Also fifty one pounds twelve shillings, the amount of two pay Rolls up to the 20th Octo 1784. ℔ vote of Court of the 3rd Novr, 1784 . . . . . 51,, 12,, 0

[Nov.] 17, Ordered the Treasr to issue a Note in favor of the wido Abigail Clayes for the sum of three Hundred & sixty pounds in full for half pay from the 15 Novr 1779 to the 15 Novr 1784. ℔ vote of the 10 Novr, 1784 . . . . . 360,, 0,, 0

[Nov.] 18, Ordered the Treasr to pay Jona Bean four pounds eleven shillings & two pence, Deprcitn 1780 . . . . . 4,, 11,, 2

Also John Newman sixteen pounds seven shillings & six pence, Deptn 1781 . . . . . 16,, 7,, 6

[Nov.] 22, Ordered the Treasr to issue a Note in favor of Lt Joseph Huntoon for twenty four pounds in full for quarter pay as an Invalid from 14 Novr 1783 to 14 Novr 1784 . . . . . 24,, 0,, 0

Ordered the Treasr to pay Judge Livermore Eighteen pounds fifteen shillings, for his salary from 25 June to 25 Sept., 1784, by a Vote of Court of 27 Decr, 1783 . 18,, 15,, 0

Ordered the Treasr to pay Stephen Keyes Thirty pounds nine shillings, Deptn to 1780 . . . . 30,, 9,, 0

Also Nine pounds sixteen shillings, for Depreciation in 1780 . . . . . 9,, 16,, 0

[Nov.] 24. Ordered the Treas^r to pay Jude Hall fourteen pounds sixteen shillings, Dep^tn for 1780 . . 14,, 16,, 0

William Bryant Twenty pounds sixteen shillings, Dep^tn 1781 . . . . . 20,, 16,, 0

Uriah Fox Twenty three pounds nine shillings, for Depreciation in 1780 . . . . . 23,, 9,, 0

Ordered the Treas^r to pay Stephen Keyes for Dep^tn to 1780, Thirty pounds nine shillings 30,, 9,, 0

And nine pounds sixteen shillings for Depretc^n 1781, *entered above* 9,, 16,, 0

*1 P. & C.:29 *STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

A Proclamation.

Whereas there is reason to apprehend that there are, in different parts of the United States, Articles of Quarter Master's and Military stores, Cloathing, &c., the property of the United States, which have accidentally fallen into the hands of private Citizens, or remained in the possession of persons formerly but not at present in Office, of which the Heads of the several Staff Departments have no account;

The Committee of the States, taking this matter into consideration, have recommended to the Executives of the several States to call on the Citizens of their respective States to make returns forthwith of every Species of Public Property which may be in their possession.

I do therefore, with advice of Council, issue this Proclamation, and do hereby call on each and every Citizen of this State who may have any public Property in his possession forthwith to make Return thereof into the Secretary's Office, that so a Return may be made to Congress as speedily as may be agreeably to said recommendation.

Given under my hand this sixteenth day of Nov^r, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & eighty four, and of the Sovereignty & Independence of the United States of America the Ninth. M. Weare.

By his Excellency's command, with advice of Council.

Joseph Pearson, Dep. Sec'y.

*1 P. & C.:30 *STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

A Proclamation.

Whereas by the Constitution & form of Government established in this State, it is provided that the President of the State, the Senators and Representatives shall be chosen annually in the month of

March, at the annual or other Meetings of the Inhabitants to be duly warned for the purposes aforesaid, which provision it is thought renders it necessary to issue precepts for their election, as has been heretofore practiced.

Therefore to prevent any failure least any Selectman should wait in expectation of receiving a Precept, and thereby neglect inserting reasonable Notice in their warrants for their annual Meetings, or calling meetings particularly for the purposes afore mentioned, I have issued this Proclamation hereby requesting all Selectmen or any others who may be authorized to call Meetings in particular Places for the purposes aforesaid to pay diligent Attention to the directions in the plan of Government for warning and regulating said Meetings, and to make return into the Secretary's Office, and they are hereby informed that no Precepts will be issued.

Given under my hand this Twenty fourth day of Nov^r, * in the year of our Lord one Thousand seven hundred and eighty-four, and of the Sovereignty and Independence of the United States of America the Ninth. * 1 P. & C.: 31

M. Weare.

By His Excellency's Command.

Joseph Pearson, Dep. Sec'y.

Ordered the Treas^r to pay William Bryant Twenty pounds sixteen shillings, for the year 1781 . . .	20,,	16,,	0
D^o Uriah Fox Twenty three pounds nine shillings, Dep^tn to Jan^y, 1781	23,,	9,,	0
D^o Jude Hall, fourteen pounds sixteen shillings, Dep^tn for 1780	14,,	16,,	0
D^o Peter Smith Seven pounds two shillings & eleven pence, for Depreciation for 1780	7,,	2,,	11
[Nov.] 28. D^o Christ^o Challis five pounds twelve shillings & eight pence, for 1780	5,,	12,,	8
D^o Benj^a Alld five pounds two shillings & eight pence, 6 ^mo man in 1781	5,,	2,,	8
Nov. 8, Ordered the Treas^r to pay the Hon. Josiah Bartlett, Esq., thirty five pounds, for his services as one of the puisne Justices to Novr 14, 1784. ℔ vote 27 Dec., 1783	35,,	0,,	0
Ordered the Treas^r to pay Benj. Biggelow fifty four pounds twelve shillings & one penny, Ball^ce of his acco^t for sundries supply^d Lt. Bell's Co. at New Castle	54,,	12,,	1
D^o Daniel Philbrick seven pounds two shillings & eleven pence, for 1780	7,,	2,,	11

* 1 P. & C.: 32 * Dec. 8, 1784. At a Council holden at Exeter on Wednesday, the 8th day Decemr, 1784,

Present, — His Excellency Meshech Weare, Esqr, Prest.
The Honble John M. Clary,
Joseph Badger,
Francis Blood, Esqrs.

As there was not a full Board, the nomination of civil officers was postponed till tomorrow.

THURSDAY, the 9th Decemr, 1784.

Present as Yesterday. Also the Honble Nathl Peabody, Esq., took his seat at the Council Board. Took into consideration the nomination of Civil Officers.

FRIDAY, 10th Decemr, 1784.

Present as Yesterday.

Also the Hon. Moses Chase, Esqr, attended. Continued the nomination of civil officers.

Ordered the Treasr to pay Jacob Baldwin, a six months man in 1781, five pounds four shillings . . 5,, 4,, 0

Ordered the Treasr to pay the following Orders, viz., in favor of :

David Jewell for thirteen shillings and nine pence, for Deptn in 1780. . . . . 0,, 13,, 9

Do Kendell Parsons Twenty pounds nineteen shillings & six pence, Deptn in 1780, one year man . . . 20,, 19,, 6

* 1 P. & C.: 33 *SATURDAY, 11th Decr, 1784.

Took into consideration the further nomination of civil & military officers.

Ordered the Treasr to pay the following orders, viz., in favor of :

Joseph Clark in Capt Woodman's Co., 3mo men in 1781, for four pounds three shillings & four pence . 4,, 3,, 4

Do Joseph Herd for four pounds three shillings & four pence 4,, 3,, 4

Do Geo. Averitt for forty pounds two shillings & five pence, for Deptn to 1780 . . . . . 40,, 2,, 5

Also six pounds eight shillings & eight pence in 1780 . . . . . 6,, 8,, 8

Lydia Alley, wid° of Daniel, for twenty one pounds, for Deprec^tn, 1780 . . . . . 21,, 0,, 0

D° Isaac Hanson,[1] for (Deprec^tn ending in 1780,) Twenty two pounds nine shillings and seven pence . 22,, 9,, 7

Adjourned till Monday next.

MONDAY, 13th Dec^r, 1784.

His Excellency & his five Counsellors. Met according to adjournment.

Ordered the Treas^r to pay Melcher & Osborne Seventy nine pounds twelve shillings in full of their accompt for printing for the State from April 6th to Oct° 25th, 1784 . . . . . 79,, 12,, 0

D° William Wallace five pounds six shillings & eight pence, Dep^tn in 1780 . . . . 5,, 6,, 8

*1 P. &. C. : 34 *Ordered the Treas^r to pay James Pemberton[1] Twenty two pounds eleven shillings & eight pence, for Depreciation in 1780. . 22,, 11,, 8

TUESDAY, 14th Dec^r, 1784.

His Excellency & Council proceeded to business.

Ordered the Treas^r to pay the following Soldiers, viz. :

William Palmer Nine pounds six shillings & six pence, Deprec^tn in 1780 . . . . . 9,, 6,, 6

Francis Coombs Ten pounds & one penny, for Dep^tn in 1780 . . . . . 10,, 0,, 1

And Seven pounds & nine pence, Deprecia^tn in 1781 7,, 0,, 9

James Rawlins[1] Twenty one pounds eighteen shillings & eleven pence, Dep^tn 1780 . . . . 21,, 18,, 11

Jerathmeel Bowers[1] Twenty one pounds eight shillings & three pence 21,, 8,, 3

Caleb Stiles, Junr,[1] Twenty one pounds eight shillings & three pence 21,, 8,, 3

Eph^m Pierce[1] Twenty one pounds eight shillings & three pence 21,, 8,, 3

Grant Powers[1] Twenty one pounds eight shillings & three pence 21,, 8,, 3

Caleb Stiles[1] Twenty one pounds eight shillings & three pence 21,, 8,, 3

Joseph Stearns[1] Twenty one pounds eight shillings & three pence 21,, 8,, 3

1. One year men.

Jacob Hobart[1] Twenty one pounds eight shillings & three pence & 21,, 8,, 3
Simeon Foster[1] Twenty one pounds eight shillings & three pence 21,, 8,, 3
* 1 P. & C. : 35 *Ordered the Treas^r to pay by discount James Blake or Bearer Twelve pounds 12,, 0,, 0
Caleb Marshal Twelve pounds & 12,, 0,, 0
James Burnside Twelve pounds, for billeting money on Sergeant Blake's ration Roll, Coös, 1782 . . 12,, 0,, 0
Ordered the Treas^r to pay the Selectmen of Hollis Six pounds six shillings, billeting money to Springfield, 1781. ℘ an Act passed July 4, 1781 . . . 6,, 6,, 0

WEDNESDAY, 15th Dec^r, 1784.

His Excellency & Council continued the appointment of Civil & military Officers.

THURSDAY, the 16th Dec^r, 1784.

Present as yesterday & the same matters under consideration.
Ordered the Treas^r to issue a Note on Interest payable in one year from the date thereof in favor of John Simpson for Sixty nine pounds in full for half pay from 1st of Jany 1779 to 1 Oct^o 1784. ℘ vote 26 Oct^o, 1784 69,, 0,, 0
Ordered the Treas^r to pay Moses Knight eighteen shillings & four pence, Dep^tn 1780 . . . . . 0,, 18,, 4
Ordered the Treas^r to pay John Gross fifty four shillings, Service in attending Sup^r Court as State evidence 2,, 14,, 0
Also to pay John S. Dearborn fifty four shillings for the same service. ℘ vote 3 Nov^r, 1784 . 2,, 14,, 0
* 1 P. & C. : 36 *Ordered the Treas^r to pay Moses Knight eighteen shillings & four pence, Dep^tn 1780 . . . . . 0,, 18,, 4
the above is entered on the preceding page.[2]

FRIDAY, 17th Decem^r, 1784.

His Excellency & Council continued the appointment of Civil & military Officers.
Ordered the Treas^r to pay Marget Pitman, mother

1. One year men. 2. See note 2 at the end of this record.

of Joseph Pitman, Twenty one pounds eleven shillings & six pence, for Depreciat^n to 1780 . . . . . 21,, 11,, 6

Directed the Treas^r to receive a Note in favor of Josiah Sanborn & issue anew Note & Certificates for the Interest due thereon, agreeably to a vote of Court of the 28th Oct^o, 1784.

Ordered the Treas^r to pay Col. Supply Clap five hundred & fifty pounds 550,, 0,, 0

Also forty five pounds four shillings, being in full of his acco^t as Commissary of Prisoners. ℔ vote 11th Nov^r, 1784 . . . . . 45,, 4,, 0

Ordered the Treas^r to pay Elias Tarlton five pounds seventeen shillings & four pence, for attending the Light House at Fort Point from 22 July to 20th Oct^o, 1784. ℔ vote 3^d Nov^r, 1784 . . . . . 5,, 17,, 4

SATURDAY, 18th Decem^r, 1784.

His Excellency & Council present.

* 1 P. & C. : 37 * Ordered the Treas^r to pay Doc^tr Hall Jackson forty eight pounds in full for Medicine and attendance on the Troops stationed at Piscataqua Harbour from Jan^y, 1780 to Feb^y, 1784 . 48,, 0,, 0

MONDAY, 20th Dec^r, 1784.

Present as on Saturday last.

Ordered the Treas^r to issue a Note in favor of Samuel Wadsworth for eight pounds fourteen shillings & eleven pence, his Demand as settled by the Commissioners on the Estate of Josiah Pomeroy, an absentee 8,, 14,, 11

His Excellency the President, & Council, on the fifteenth Instant completed the nomination of the persons hereafter named for Officers Civil & Military, and the same having been wrote down on loose papers were accidentally omitted to be entered in the Journal on that day, viz.:

Honble Samuel Livermore, Esqr, Chief Justice.

Honble Josiah Bartlett, William Whipple, John Dudley, } Esqrs, Puisne Justices of the Superior Court.

Honble John Sullivan, Esqr, Attorney General.

* 1 P. & C. : 38 * COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM.

Honble Nathaniel Folsom,
Nathaniel Peabody,
Timothy Walker,
Abiel Foster,
} Esqrs., Justices of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas.

Nathaniel Peabody, Esqr, having declined to accept of the above office, John Calfe, Esqr, is nominated for one of the Justices of said Court.

John Parker, Esqr, Sheriff.

Honble Philips White, Esqr, Judge of Probate, &c.

William Parker, Esqr, Register of Probate.

COUNTY OF STRAFFORD.

Honble George Frost,
John Plummer,
Ebenezer Smith,
Thomas Cogswell,
} Esq'rs, Justices of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas.

Theophilus Dame, Esqr, Sheriff.

Honble Joseph Badger, Esqr, Judge of Probate, &c.

John Wentworth, Esqr, Register of Probate.

* 1 P. & C. : 39 * COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH.

Honble Timothy Farrar,
Samuel Dana,
Francis Blood,
Ebenezer Rockwood,
} Esq'rs, Justices of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas.

Honble Jonathan Blanchard, Esqr, Judge of Probate.

COUNTY OF CHESHIRE.

Honble Simeon Olcott,
Samuel Ashley,
Benjamin Bellows,
Francis Smith,
} Esq'rs, Justices of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas.

Samuel Hunt, Esqr, Sheriff.

Thomas Sparhawk, Esqr, Judge of Probate.

COUNTY OF GRAFTON.

Honble Elisha Payne,
Samuel Emerson,
Beza'l Woodward,
James Woodward,
} Esq'rs, Justices of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas.

William Simpson, Esqr, Sheriff.[1]

1. Ham. Miscellaneous Prov. Papers, Vol. xviii. 747; Granite Monthly, Vol. xi. p. 367.

Hon. Charles Johnston, Esqr, Judge of Probate.
Moses Dow, Esqr, Register of Probate.

* OFFICERS OF THE MILITIA. * 1 P. & C. : 40

Honble John Sullivan, Esqr, Major General.

Joshua Wentworth,[1]
Joseph Cilley,
John Hale,
Benjamin Bellows,
} Esq'rs, Brigadier Generals.

Joshua Wentworth, Esqr, declining to accept the office of a Brigadier General, Woodbury Langdon, Esqr, is nominated for that office.

First Regiment.

Pierse Long, Colonel.
Mark Wiggin, Lieu^{t} Colonel.
George Gains, Major.
Stephen March, Second Major.

Second Regiment.

Theophilus Dame, Colonel.
John McDuffee, Lieu^{t} Colonel.
Jonathan Wentworth, Major.
James Carr, Second Major.

Third Regiment.

Moses Leavit, Colonel.
Jonathan Cram, Lieut. Colonel.
Joseph Clifford, Major.
John Dearborn, Second Major.

Fourth Regiment.

James Hill, Colonel.
Eliphalet Giddings, Lieu^{t} Colonel
Porter Kimball, Major.
Benjamin Brown, Second Major.

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* *Fifth Regiment.*

Noah Lovewill, Colonel.
Samuel Chase, Lieu^{t} Colonel.
James Ford, Major.
Robert Meins, Second Major.

Sixth Regiment.

Reuben Alexander, Colonel.
Oliver Capron, Lieu^{t} Colonel.
Davis Howlett, Major.
Elisha Whitcomb, Second Major.

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**Eighth Regiment.*

George Reid, Colonel.
Daniel Reynolds, Lieu^{t} Colonel.
Daniel Colburn, Major.
James Gilman, Second Major.

Ninth Regiment.

Moses Kelley, Colonel.
Samuel Page, Lieu^{t} Colonel.
William Boyes, Major.

Tenth Regiment.

Ebenezer Smith, Colonel.
Joseph Badger, Junr, Lieu^{t} Colonel.
Chase Taylor, Major.
Richard Sinkler, Second Major.

Eleventh Regiment.

Thomas Stickney, Colonel.

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Thirteenth Regiment.

Moses Dow, Colonel.
Joshua Howard, Lieu^t Colonel.
Azariah Webb, Major.
Obadiah Clement, Second Major.

**Fourteenth Regiment.*

David Webster, Colonel.
Moses Baker, Lieu^t Colonel.
Alexander Craige, Major.
Richard Shepard, Second Major.

Fifteenth Regiment.

Jonathan Chase, Colonel.
Samuel Ashley, Lieutenant Colonel.
Moses Whipple, Major.
Joseph Kimball, Second Major.

Sixteenth Regiment.

William Heyward, Colonel.
Amos Shepard, Lieu^t Colonel.
Josiah Goldsmith, Major.
Silas Wright, Second Major.

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Seventeenth Regiment.

Nathaniel Emerson, Colonel.
William White, Lieu^t Colonel.

**Eighteenth Regiment.*

Thomas Bartlett, Colonel.
Michael McClary, Lieu^t Colonel.
Joseph March, Major.
John Harvey, Second Major.

Nineteenth Regiment.

Jonathan Palmer, Colonel.
Nathan Hoit, Lieu^t Colonel.
Jacob Smith, Major.
Joshua Heath, Second Major.

Twenty-first Regiment.[1]

Samuel King, Colonel.
George Aldrich, Lieu^t Col^o.
Joseph Burt, Major.
Jonathan Smith, Jr., Second Major.

Twenty-second Regiment.

Henry Gerrish, Colonel.

Twenty-fourth Regiment.

Ebenezer Brewster, Colonel.
Ebenezer Green, Lieu^t Col^o.
Edmund Freeman, Major.
Samuel Jones, Second Major.

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**Twenty-fifth Regiment.*

Joseph Whipple, Colonel.
Edward Bucknam, Lieu^t Colonel.
John Young, Major.
Asa Bayley, Second Major.

Corps of Light Horsemen.

John Langdon, Esqr, Brigadier.

Justices of the Peace & of the Quorum throughout the State : Honble Samuel Livermore, Josiah Bartlett, William Whipple, John Dudley, Thomas W. Waldron, John Sullivan, Matthew Thornton,

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Nathaniel Folsom, Ebenezer Thompson, Jonathan Blanchard, Samuel Ashley, Benjamin Bellows, John McClary, Francis Blood, Joseph Badger, Nathaniel Peabody, Moses Chase, Woodbury Langdon, George Atkinson, Jon[a] Moulton, Moses Dow, Esq'rs.

* Justices of the Peace & of the Quorum for the County of Rockingham : * 1 P. & C. : 46

Richard Downing, Samuel Penhallow, Philips White, Timothy Walker, John Langdon, Samuel Emerson, Abiel Forster, Joseph Cilley, John Bell, Samuel Hale, Esq'rs.

Justices of the Peace for the County of Rockingham :

Samuel Little, Christopher Toppan, William Knight, Noah Emery, William Parker, Archelaus Moore, John Calfe, John Pickering, Thomas Bartlett, Richard Bartlett, Joseph Gilman, Mark Wiggin, Enoch Coffin, Robert Wilson, James Gibson, William Morrill, Samuel Weare, Josiah Adams, Michael McClary, John Blunt, Eph[m] Pickering, Joseph Dow, Winthrop Gove, Abrah[m] Perkins, Peter Green, John Cram, Nathan Batchel- * 1 P. & C. : 47 dor, Josiah Gage, John Bryent, Samuel Moores, Jeremiah Eastman, Jonathan Jenness, George Gains, Peter Clements, Clement March, Samuel Daniel, John T. Gilman, George Reid, Josiah Gilman Jun[r] Jeremiah Gilman, Joseph Pearson, Arch[d] McMurphy, Jeremiah Fogg, Joseph March, Josiah Flagg, Jabez Hoit, John Allen, Joseph Parsons, Samuel Gilman, John Neal, Jonth[n] Greely, Jr., Ebenezer Clifford, Matthias Bartlett, Richard Jenness, Moody Morse, James Gilmore, Thomas Page, Solomon Wheeler, Esq'rs.

Justices of the Peace & of the Quorum for the County of Strafford : * 1 P. & C. : 48

George Frost, Otis Baker, John Plummer, Moses Carr, Ebenezer Smith, Esq'rs.

Justices of the Peace for the County of Strafford :

Henry Rust, Ichabod Rollins, John Wentworth, Joseph Sias, Solomon Emerson, Simeon Dearborn, Valentine Mathes, John Garland, Daniel Beede, James Knowles, Hercules Mooney, David Page, David Gilman, Joseph Roberts, John Tasker, Thomas Cogswell, Joshua Wingate, Joseph Badger, Jr., Benning Moulton, Samuel Hale, Jun[r] Esq'rs.

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Jonathan Lovewell, Matthew Patten, James Underwood, John Hale, Timothy Farrar, Jeremiah Page, Moses Nichols, John Stark, Esq'rs.

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* 1 P. & C.: 50 *Ebenezer Rockwood, John Preston, Jonathan Searle, Joseph Gerrish, Daniel Emerson, Samuel Philbrick, Samuel Marsh, Esq'rs.

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* 1 P. & C.: 51 *Capron, Sanford Kingsbury, Oliver Ashley, John Doolittle, Lemuel Holmes, William Ripley, Samuel Kendall, Samuel Griffin, Jacob Copeland, Esq'rs.

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* 1 P. & C.: 52 Rogers, *Jon^a Blake, Elihu Hide, Jacob Hurd, Noah Worcester, Jr., Jon^a Freeman, Jesse Johnson, Junr, Esq'rs.

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Jeremiah Libbey, Richard Champney, Simon Wiggin, Jonathan Garland, Samuel Folsom, Simeon Jenness, Simonds Seccombe, Henry Butler, James Gray, Jonathan Eastman, Joseph Gregg, Moses Shaw, Jacob Chase, John Dow, Junr, Daniel Page, Nehemiah Wheeler, Nathaniel Kimball, William Doty, Eliphalet Poor, Robert Young.

* 1 P. & C.: 53 *Coroners for the County of Strafford:

Andrew Torr, Joseph Stevens, John Cate, Jabez Dame, Edward Gilman, Nathan^l Shannon, Timothy Medar, James Hassey, John Gilman, Thomas Chadbourne, Avery Hall, Eleazer Davis, James Brackett, Samuel Kielle.

Coroners for the County of Hillsborough:

Augustus Blanchard, Jonathan Eastman, Zacheus Chandler, Samuel Haywood, John Hogg, Ebenezer Webster, Joseph Symonds, Samuel Kimball, Elias Boynton, Samuel Moore, Jacob McGaw, * Timothy Wortley, James Caldwell, Jonathan Martin, Abel Kimball, William Forsyth. * 1 P. & C.: 54

Coroners for the County of Cheshire:

George Kimball, Isaac Hammond, James Philbrick, Daniel Chase, Samuel Trott.

Coroners for the County of Grafton:

James Brown, Joshua Harris, Alexander Craige, Russell Freeman, Nathaniel Rogers, Uriah Stone, Joshua Young, Daniel Heath, William George, Jesse Young, James Sawyer.

The foregoing nomination was made by advice of Council.

John McCleary.
Francis Blood.
Joseph Badger.
Nath'l Peabody.
Moses Chase.

* Tuesday, December 21st, 1784. Present, His Excellency & the whole of the Council. * 1 P. & C.: 55

Proceeded on the consideration of the appointment of officers.

Wednesday, December 22d, 1784. Present as yesterday, and the same Business under Consideration.

Thursday, December 23d, 1784. Present as yesterday, and the same Business under Consideration.

Friday, December 24th, 1784. Present as yesterday, and the same Business under consideration.

Saturday, December 25th, 1784. Present as yesterday.

His Excellency the President & Council appointed the Persons hereafter named to the respective offices, Civil & Military, as herein set down, viz.:

Honble Samuel Livermore, Esqr, Chief Justice.

Honble Josiah Bartlett,
William Whipple,
John Dudley,
} Esq'rs, Puisne Justices of the Superior Court.[1]

Honble John Sullivan, Esqr, Attorney-General.

1. This Court was constituted with the same membership as the one existing at the termination of the provisional government, except that Judge Leverett Hubbard (a lawyer) was superseded by Judge John Dudley. Chief Justice Livermore was the only lawyer in the new Court. Judge Bartlett was a physician, Judge Whipple a merchant, and Judge Dudley a man of general business, which had included farming, milling, and merchandising. All, however, had been of great service to the State in the cause of independence. John Dudley's efforts had been less conspicuous, perhaps, than those of Livermore, Bartlett, and Whipple, who were all nearly as well known in the Continental Congress as in New Hampshire, but there is no doubt that he had devoted himself most assiduously to the common cause as a member of the Committee of Safety, and well

* 1 P. & C. : 56 * COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM.

Honble Nathaniel Folsom,
Nathaniel Peabody,
Timothy Walker,
Abiel Foster,
} Esq'rs, Justices of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas.

Nathaniel Peabody, Esqr, declining to accept the office of a Justice of the Inferior Court as above named, John Calfe, Esqr, is appointed to that office.

John Parker, Esqr, Sheriff.

Honble Philips White, Esqr, Judge of Probate, &c.

William Parker, Esqr, Register of Probate.

COUNTY OF STRAFFORD.

Honble George Frost,
John Plummer,
Ebenezer Smith,
Thomas Cogswell,
} Justices of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas.

Theophilus Dame, Esqr, Sheriff.

Hon. Joseph Badger, Esqr, Judge of Probate, &c.

John Wentworth, Esqr, Register of Probate.

* 1 P. & C. : 57 * COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH.

Honble Timothy Farrar,
Samuel Dana,
Francis Blood,
Ebenezer Rockwood,
} Esq'rs, Justices of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas.

Hon. Jonathan Blanchard, Esqr, Judge of Probate, &c.

COUNTY OF CHESHIRE.

Honble Simeon Olcott,
Samuel Ashley,
Benjamin Bellows,
Francis Smith,
} Esq'rs, Justices of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas.

Samuel Hunt, Esqr, Sheriff.

Thomas Sparhawk, Esqr, Judge of Probate, &c.

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deserved the approval of his countrymen. It is said that during the Revolutionary period he gave practically his whole time to his official duties. Bartlett and Whipple were both signers of the Declaration of Independence, and the several authors of Lives of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence give a biographical sketch of each. The latest biography of Judge Livermore is the Historical Address of Hon. Charles R. Corning, Proceedings of the Grafton and Coös Bar Association, Vol. i., p. 365; see also Vol. ii., p. 95, and Collections of the N. H. Historical Society, Vol. v., p. 221. A biographical sketch of Judge Dudley is given in Farmer and Moore's Historical Collections, Vol. ii., p. 42. An article on Josiah Bartlett in the "Granite Monthly," Vol. vii., p. 353, by Hon. Daniel Rollins, is the result of much research. New and interesting points on the life and character of Dr. Bartlett were also adduced in the proceedings at the dedication of the Amesbury monument in 1887. Many passages in the Memoir of Jeremiah Mason, the Life of Plumer, and the life of Jeremiah Smith give contemporary opinions and criticisms of the courts of this period, as viewed from the standpoint of the leading lawyers. The comments of Mr. Plumer (Life, p. 152) on the character of Judge Dudley are particularly interesting and suggestive.

COUNTY OF GRAFTON.

Honble Charles Johnston, Esqr, Judge of Probate, &c.
Moses Dow, Esqr, Register of Probate, &c.

* MILITIA OFFICERS. * 1 P. & C. : 58

Honble John Sullivan, Esqr, Major General.

Joshua Wentworth,
Joseph Cilley,
John Hale,
Benjamin Bellows,
} Esq'rs, Brigadier Generals.

Joshua Wentworth, Esqr, declining to accept the office of a Brigadier General, The Honble Woodbury Langdon, Esqr, is appointed to that office.

First Regiment.

Pierse Long, Esqr, Colonel, Portsmouth.
Mark Wiggin, Esqr, Lieu^t Colonel, Stratham.
George Gains, Esqr, Major, Portsmouth.
Stephen March, Esqr, Second Maj^r, Greenland.

Second Regiment.

Theophilus Dame, Esqr, Colonel, Dover.
Joseph McDuffee, Esqr, Lieu^t Colonel, Rochester.
Jonathan Wentworth, Esqr, Major, Somersworth.
James Carr, Esqr, Second Major, Somersworth.

Third Regiment.

Moses Leavit, Esqr, Colonel, North Hampton.
Jonathan Cram, Esqr, Lieu^t Colonel, Hampton Falls.
Joseph Clifford, Esqr, Major, Kensington.
John Dearborn, Esqr, Second Major, Hampton.

* *Fourth Regiment.* * 1 P. & C. : 59

James Hill, Esqr, Colonel, Newmarket.
Eliphalet Giddings, Esqr, Lieu^t Colonel, Exeter.
Porter Kimball, Esqr, Major, Brentwood.
Benjamin Brown, Esqr, Second Major, Epping.

Fifth Regiment.

Noah Lovewell, Esqr, Colonel, Dunstable.
Samuel Chase, Esqr, Lieu^t Colonel, Litchfield.
James Ford, Esqr, Major, Nottingham West.
Robert Meins, Esqr, Second Major, Amherst.

Sixth Regiment.

Reuben Alexander, Esqr, Colonel, Winchester.
Oliver Capron, Esqr, Lieu^{t} Col^{o}, Richmond.
Davis Howlett, Esqr, Major, Keene.
Elisha Whitcomb, Second Maj^{r}, Swanzey.

Eighth Regiment.

George Reid, Esqr, Colonel, Londonderry.
Daniel Reynolds, Esqr, Lieu^{t} Colonel, Londonderry.
Daniel Colburn, Esqr, Major, Pelham.
James Gilman, Esqr, Second Maj^{r}, Windham.

Ninth Regiment.

Moses Kelley, Esqr, Colonel, Goffstown.
Samuel Page, Esqr, Lieu^{t} Colonel, Weare.
William Boyes, Esqr, Major, New Boston.

* 1 P. & C. : 60 **Tenth Regiment.*

Ebenezer Smith, Esqr, Colonel, Meredith.
Joseph Badger, Junr, Esqr, Lieu^{t} Col^{o}, Gilmantown.
Chase Taylor, Esqr, Major, Sanborntown.
Richard Sinkler, Second Major, Barnstead.

Eleventh Regiment.

Thomas Stickney, Esqr, Colonel, Concord.

Thirteenth Regiment.

Moses Dow, Esqr, Colonel, Haverhill.
Joshua Howard, Esqr, Lieu^{t} Col^{o}, Haverhill.
Azariah Webb, Esqr, Major, Piermont.
Obadiah Clement, Esqr, Second Maj^{r}, Warren.

Fourteenth Regiment.

David Webster, Esqr, Colonel, Plymouth.
Moses Baker, Esqr, Lieu^{t} Colonel, Campton.
Alexander Craige, Esqr, Major, Rumney.
Richard Shepard, Esqr, Second Maj^{r}, New Holderness.

Fifteenth Regiment.

Jonathan Chase, Esqr, Colonel, Cornish.
Samuel Ashley, Junr, Esqr, Lieu^{t} Colonel, Claremont.
Moses Whipple, Esqr, Major, Croydon.
Joseph Kimball, Jr., Esqr, Second Maj^{r}, Plainfield.

Sixteenth Regiment.

William Heyward, Esqr, Colonel, Charlestown.
Amos Shephard, Esqr, Lieu^{t} Col^{o}, Alstead.
Josiah Goldsmith, Esqr, Major, Walpole.
Silas Wright, Esqr, Second Major, Stoddard.

**Seventeenth Regiment.* * 1 P. & C. : 61

Nathaniel Emerson, Esqr, Colonel, Candia.
William White, Esqr, Lieu^{t} Colonel, Chester.

Eighteenth Regiment.

Thomas Bartlett, Esqr, Colonel, Nottingham.
Michael McCleary, Esqr, Lieu^{t} Colonel, Epsom.
Joseph March, Esqr, Major, Deerfield.
John Harvey, Esqr, Second Major, Northwood.

Nineteenth Regiment.

Jonathan Palmer, Colonel, Wakefield.
Nathan Hoit, Lieu^{t}. Colonel, Moultonborough.
Jacob Smith, Maj^{r}, Sandwich.
Joshua Heath, Second Major, Conway.

Twenty-first Regiment.

Samuel King, Esqr, Colonel, Chesterfield.
George Aldrich, Esqr, Lieu^{t} Col^{o}, Westmoreland.
Joseph Burt, Esqr, Major, Westmoreland.
Jonathan Smith, Esqr, Second Maj^{r}, Surrey.

Twenty-second Regiment.

Henry Gerrish, Esqr, Colonel, Boscawen.

Twenty Fourth Regiment.

Ebenezer Brewster, Esqr., Colonel, Hanover.
Ebenezer Green, Esqr, Lieu^{t} Colonel, Lyme.
Edmund Freeman, Esqr, Major, Lebanon.
Samuel Jones, Esqr, Second Major, Canaan.

** Twenty Fifth Regiment.* * 1 P. & C. : 62

Joseph Whipple, Esqr, Colonel, Dartmouth.
Edwards Bucknam, Esqr, Lieu^{t} Colonel, Lancaster.
John Young, Esqr, Major, Concord *as* Gunth.
Asa Bayley, Esqr, 2nd Major, Landaff.

Corps of Light Horsemen.

Hon. John Langdon, Esqr, Brigadier General.

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* 1 P. & C. : 63 * Justices of the Peace and of the Quorum for the County of Rockingham :

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Phillips White, Esqr, South Hampton.
Timothy Walker, Esqr, Concord.

1. The list of civil and military appointments made under the Constitution of 1784 by President Weare and Council is probably the best index we have as to who were then regarded as representative men in the State. Gov. William Plumer prepared biographical sketches of many who are named in these appointments. His work is contained in five manuscript volumes, which his descendants have placed in the custody of the New Hampshire Historical Society at Concord. A printed index to these biographies may be found in the Proceedings of the Society, Vol. i., p. 435. As to those who were connected with military affairs, the student is referred to the biographical notes in Potter's Military History of New Hampshire. The index to the first part of Judge Potter's notes is in the Adjutant General's Report (N. H.), 1866, Vol. ii., p. xvii; to the second part, Adjutant General's Report (N. H.), 1868, p. xv. Many similar biographical notes are scattered along through the preceding volumes of this series of Province and State Papers. The Town Histories are available as a source of much biographical data. The best catalogue of local New Hampshire history is the Bibliography of New Hampshire, "Granite Monthly," Vol. iv., p. 288 (1881). Valuable titles could now be added to that list, as several important contributions to our local history have been since brought out. Some valuable biographical material is contained in the recently published histories or gazetteers of the several counties. They, however, devote more attention to modern biography than to that which pertains to the period covered by these journals. The Life of William Plumer, by his son. Boston, 1857; the Life of Jeremiah Smith, LL. D., by John H. Morrison, Boston, 1845; the Life of John Sullivan, by Thos. C. Amory, Boston, 1868, throw much light on the men and measures of the times in which the distinguished subjects of those works were active in public affairs.

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Elisha Payne, Esqr, Lebanon.
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Charles Johnston, Esqr, Haverhil.

Enoch Page, Esqr, Wentworth.
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James Woodward, Esqr, Haverhil.
Edwards Bucknam, Esqr, Lancaster.
Jeremiah Eames, Esqr, Northumberland.
Joshua Copp, Esqr, Warren.
Thomas Russell, Esqr, Piermont.
* Joshua Tolford, Esqr, Alexandria. *1 P. & C.: 70
Carr Huse, Esqr, New Chester.
Davenport Phelps, Esqr, Orford.
Moses Baker, Esqr, Campton.
Jonathan Child, Esqr, Lyme.
William Ayer, Esqr, Canaan.
John Rogers, Esqr, Plymouth.
Jonathan Blake, Esqr, Landaff.
Elihu Hide, Esqr, Lebanon.
Jacob Hurd, Esqr, Bath.
Noah Worcester, Junr, Esqr, Thornton.
Jonathan Freeman, Esqr, Hanover.
Jesse Johnson, Junr, Esqr, Enfield.

Coroners for the County of Rockingham.

Jeremiah Libbey } Portsmouth.
Richard Champney }
Simon Wiggin, Stratham.
Jonathan Garland, Hampton.
Saml Folsom, Exeter.
Simon Jenness, Rye.
Simonds Seccomb, Kingstown.
Henry Butler, Nottingham.
James Grey, Epsom.
Jonathan Eastman, Concord.
* Joseph Gregg, Londonderry. *1 P. & C.: 71
Moses Shaw, Kensington.
Jacob Chase, Chester.
John Dow, Junr, Atkinson.
Daniel Page, Deerfield.
Nehemiah Wheeler, Epping.
Nathaniel Kimball, Plaistow.
William Duty, Salem.
Eliphalet Poor, Hampstead.
Robert Young, Pelham.

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Andrew Torr, Dover.
Joseph Stevens, Durham.
John Cate, Barrington.
Jabez Dame, Rochester,
Edward Gilman, Junr, Gilmantown.
Nathaniel Shannon, Moultonboro'.
Timothy Medar, Tamworth.
James Hearsey, Sandborntown.
John Gilman, Meredith.
Thomas Chadbourne, Conway.
Avery Hall, Wakefield.
Eleazer Davis, New Durham Gore.
James Brackett, Lee.
Samuel Kielle, Madbury.

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Augustus Blanchard, Amherst.
Jonathan Eastman, Holles.
Zacheus Chandler, Bedford.
Samuel Heywood, New Ipswich.
John Hogg, Dunbarton.
Ebenezer Webster, Salisbury.
Joseph Symonds, Hilsborough.
Samuel Kimball, Henneker.
Elias Boynton, Temple.
Samuel Moore, Peterborough.
Jacob McGaw, Merrimac.
Timothy Wortley, Weare.
James Caldwell, New Boston.
Jonathan Martin, Wilton.
Abel Kimball, Hopkinton.
William Forsyth, Dearing.

Coroners for County of Cheshire.

George Kimball, Charlestown.
Isaac Hammond, Swanzey.
James Philbrick, Rindge.
Daniel Chase, Cornish.
Samuel Trott, Walpole.

* Coroners for the County of Grafton. * 1 P. & C. : 73

James Brown, Stratford.
Joshua Harris, Canaan.
Alexander Craige, Rumney.
Russell Freeman, Hanover.
Nathaniel Rogers, Orford.
Uriah Stone, Piermont.
Joshua Young, Haverhill.
Daniel Heath, New Chester.
William George, Plymouth.
Jesse Young, Concord *as* Gunth^{h}.
James Sawyer, Landaff.

The foregoing appointments were made by and with advice of Council

John McCleary
Francis Blood
Joseph Badger
Nathl Peabody
Moses Chase.

* 1 P. & C. : 74 * Decr. 1784 Ordered the Treas^{r} to pay the following Soldiers viz

Michael Sudrick Twelve pounds, sixteen shillings & eight pence and	12,,	16,,	8
John Gray Sixteen pounds, one shilling and one penny — Deprecia^{tn} [1] in 1781	16,,	1,,	1
William Ferguson fifteen pounds six shillings & one penny — Dep^{tn} in 1779	15,,	6,,	1
The selectmen of Barrington Six pounds twelve shillings — travel money paid sundry Soldiers to Springfield in 1781. as ℔ acco^{t} on file	6,,	12,,	0
Benjamin Perkins four pounds three shillings & four pence — 3 ^{mo} Service in 1781	4,,	3,,	4
Joseph Davis, Seventeen pounds one shilling & sixpence — Deprecia^{tn} in 1781	17,,	1,,	6
Thomas Colby Seven pounds twelve shillings, 6 ^{mo} man in 1781	7,,	12,,	0

1. The "depreciation" which was so frequently under consideration at this period was the difference in the nominal value of the paper emission of the government and its real value as measured by the specie standard. When the ratio was as seventy to one, the purchasing power of the paper currency was inconsiderable, and, as the ability to recompense the soldiers and others who had suffered from this cause came to the States with the return of peace and a measure of prosperity, it was but just that their claims should engross a liberal share of the attention of the General Court.

Thomas Severance, five pounds three shillings & three pence — Depreciation 1780 . . . . . 5,, 3,, 3

Jonathan Buzzell, Twentythree pounds sixteen shillings & 6d, Deptn 1780. . . . . 23,, 16,, 6

and five pounds one shilling and four pence for Depreciation in 1781 . . . . . 5,, 1,, 4

Enoch Dockum Sixty two pounds fourteen shillings previous to 1780 . . . . . 62,, 14,, 0

Two pounds nineteen shillings — for 1780 . . 2,, 19,, 0

and fourteen pounds eight shillings & eight pence for Depreciation in 1781 . . . . . 14,, 8,, 8

Ebenezer Scribner fathr of Ebehr Scribner Seventeen pounds eleven shillings & six pence for the year 1781 . . . . . 17,, 11,, 6

*1 P. & C. : 75 * Edward Leathers, fathr of Edwd Leathers Seventeen pounds two shillings and four pence for Depreciatn in 1777 & 1778 . 17,, 2,, 4

Samuel Dalton Twenty six shillings & eight pence for Depreciatn in 1780 . . . . . 1,, 6,, 8

[Dec] 29 Ordered the Treasr to Issue a Note on Interest payable in one year from the date thereof in favor of Abigail Badger late the wido of the late Capt. Beal for one hundred & eighty pounds 180,, 0,, 0

Also one in favor of William Badger guardian to the Children of the late Capt. Beal for Three hundred and Twenty four pounds in full for Seven years half — ℘ vote of 10 Novr 1784 . . . . . 324,, 0,, 0

Ordered the Treasurer to issue a Note in favor Lt John Orr for Sixty pounds in full for half pay as an Invalid Pensioner from 27 Sept. 1783 to 27 Decr 1784— 60,, 0,, 0

1785. Jan. 4, — Ordered the Treasurer to pay the Heir of Isaac Carkin Eleven pounds fourteen shillings, & four pence for 1779 . . . . . 11,, 14,, 4

Twenty three pounds thirteen shillings for Deptn in 1780 . . . . . 23,, 13,, 0

and thirteen pounds thirteen shillings in 1781 . . 13,, 13,, 0

Also to pay the Heir of the late Ephraim Stevens, Fifty pounds ten shillings & five pence for Depreciation in 1777 1778 & 1779 . . . . . 50,, 10,, 5

And five pounds five shillings & four pence . . 5,, 5,, 4

Ordered the Treasr to pay the travel & attende of the Hon. Council from Novr 8 to Decr 28th 1784 amounting to fifty two pounds nineteen shillings 52,, 19,, 0

*1 P. & C.: 76 *January 5, 1785. Ordered the Treasurer to pay the Hon. Leverett Hubbard Esq. seventy pounds in full for his Services as one of the Puisne Judges of the Sup Court for the year 1784 . . . . . 70,, 0,, 0

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer in favor of

Jacob Judkins for Seven pounds nine shillings & four pence 7,, 9,, 4

Nicholas S. Hoyt for Six pounds seventeen shillings & four pence, 6 mo Men in 1781 . . . . . 6,, 17,, 4

[Jan] 11. The heirs of Job Jenness for five pounds five shillings — Deprecia^tn in 1777 . . . . 5,, 5,, 0

Zechariah Quinby for Twelve pounds four shillings & three pence — Deprec^tn in 1781 . . . . . 12,, 4,, 3

Willm Rhines for Sixteen pounds ten shillings & eight pence, Deprec^tn in 1781 . . . . . 16,, 10,, 8

Josiah Eastman for fourteen pounds eighteen shillings & eight pence, Dep^tn in 1781 . . . . . 14,, 8,, 8

[Jan.] 13. Jacob Annes for Six pounds eight shillings & five pence — 3mo Man in 1780 — 6,, 8,, 5

Edwd Burrows for four pounds, three shill^g & four pence — 3mo man 4,, 3,, 4

Joseph Stevens for four pounds three shillings & four pence — 3mo Man 4,, 3,, 4

Glocester Watson for three pounds nine shill^g & ten pence 3,, 9,, 10

And to Jon^a Quinby for four pounds six shill^g & eight pence for Deprec^tn 1780 . . . . 4,, 6,, 8

*1 P. &. C.: 77 *January 14 — 1785.

Simon Hutchins for thirty two pounds six shill^gs — Dep^tn in 1777 & 1778 . . . . . 32,, 6,, 0

1 ys. William Hunt for Eighteen pounds six shil^g & eight pence 18,, 6,, 8

1 ys. Jon^a Morse for Twenty pounds eight shillings & five pence 20,, 8,, 5

1 ys. Thos Hardy for Twenty pounds eight shil^gs & five pence for Depre^tn in 1778 & 79 . . . . . 20,, 8,, 5

[Jan.] 19. Joseph Eaton Kenniston for six pounds two shillings, 3mo Man in 1781 . . . . . 6,, 2,, 0

[Jan.] 20. Samson Buttes for four pounds eighteen shillings & four pence 3mo Service 4,, 18,, 4

Thos Williams for Six pounds two shil^gs & eight pence — 6mo Man in 1781 . . . . . 6,, 2,, 8

The Town of Wakefield for Twenty pounds seventeen shillings & one penny, for provisions supplied sol^{drs} in 1778 & 79 . . . . . 20,, 17,, 1

[Jan.] 22. The heirs of Joshua Wilson for Twenty three pounds sixteen shillings & six pence for the year 1780 . . . . . 23,, 16,, 6

& Twenty pounds sixteen shil^{gs} for 1781 . . . 20,, 16,, 0

The Heirs of John Small for Thirty pounds and eight pence, for Dep^{tn} to 1780 . . . . . 30,, 0,, 8

& Six pounds fourteen shil^{g} & eight pence for Dep^{tn} in 1780 . . . . . 6,, 14,, 8

Thos Hanscomb for thirteen pounds seventeen shil^{gs} for Dep^{tn} in 1777 & 78 . . . . . 13,, 17,, 0

The Heirs of Jon^{a} Doe Eighteen pounds eleven shillings & eight pence for Depreciation in 1777 & 1778 . . . . . 18,, 11,, 8

* 1 P. & C.: 78 * JANUARY 22, 1785.

Timothy Kimball Twenty pounds sixteen shil^{gs} for Deprec^{tn} in 1781 . . . . . 20,, 16,, 0

JANUARY 24, 1785.

Ordered the Treasurer to issue a Note in favor of Lieut. Andrew McGaffey for Thirty two pounds in full for one third of monthly pay as an Invalid pensioner from the 1 Novr 1783 to 1 Novr 1784 . . . . 32,, 0,, 0

[Jan.] 26, Also to issue a Note in favor of Samuel Boyd for Six pounds in full as an Invalid Pensioner from the 3 Decr 1783 to 3^{d} Decr 1784 at 10s per month . 6,, 0,, 0

[Jan.] 28. The Treasurer was ordered to pay the following sums viz. in favor of Eliphalet Norris for Twenty Eight shillings and two pence for Deprec^{tn} in 1780 . 1,, 8,, 2

Jon^{a} Taylor for nine pounds seventeen shillings & four pence 9,, 17,, 4

Ammi Choate nine pounds seventeen shillings & four pence 9,, 17,, 4

Joseph Morrill Eight pounds one shilling & four pence —and— 8,, 1,, 4

Benjamin Libbey Seven pounds eight shil^{gs} being 6mo Soldiers in 1781 . . . . . 7,, 8,, 0

Also John Cotton Eight pounds twelve shillings for the like service in 1781 . . . . . 8,, 12,, 0

[Jan.] 30. Jethro Barber Seventeen pounds fifteen shillings for Depreciation in 1781 . . . . . 17,, 15,, 0

Ordered the Treas^{r} to issue a Note in favor of Hugh Dunshee for thirty two pounds eleven shillings & six pence with In^{t} from 7th April 1780. Adjust^{mt} of his Demand against the estate of Col. Step^{n} Holland as certified by the Judge of Probate. ℘ Act of 1 March, 1783 . . . . . 32,, 11,, 6

* 1 P. & C.: 79 * JANUARY 30th 1785.

Betsey Chase wid^{o} of Nathaniel Chase for fourteen pounds thirteen shillings and four pence, for Depre^{tn} in 1777 & 78 . . . . . 14,, 13,, 4

Twenty five shillings & five pence for 1780 . . 1,, 5,, 5

And fifty three shillings & eleven pence for the year 1781 . . . . . 2,, 13,, 11

Mary Straw the Sister of Benj^{a} Straw for Twenty two pounds seven shillings for Depreciation in 1777 & 1778 . . . . . 22,, 7,, 0

[Jan.] 31. Ordered the Treas^{r} to pay John McIntyer five pounds three shillings & three pence . . . 5,, 3,, 3

And Samuel Mitchel Eighteen pounds eight shillings, Depreciat^{n} in 1780 . . . . . 18,, 8,, 0

Ordered the Treasurer to issue a Note on Interest payable in one year from the date thereof in favor of Jon^{a} Woolley for Twelve pounds in full for half pay as an Invalid pensioner from 1 Jany 1784 to 1 Jany 1785 . 12,, 0,, 0

Ordered the Treas^{r} to pay Eph^{m} Alley Twenty two pounds seventeen shillings & eight pence — Dep^{tn} in 1779 & 1780 . . . . . 22,, 17,, 0

FEBRUARY 1st 1785.

Ordered the Treasurer to pay the following Sums viz: in favor of

The Heirs of John Smith for five pounds eleven shillings & ten pence, Dep^{tn} in 1778 & 1779 . . . 5,, 11,, 10

Twenty three pounds sixteen shillings & six pence for the year 1780 . . . . . 23,, 16,, 6

And Twenty pounds fourteen shillings & five pence for 1781 . . . . . 20,, 14,, 5

* 1 P. & C. : 80 * FEBRUARY 2d 1785.

Ordered the Treasurer to pay the following sums, viz in favor of

Levi Stickney for five pounds eleven shillings and four pence, Depreciatn in 1780 . . . . . 5,, 11,, 4

Zechariah Kelsy Seven pounds nineteen shillings for Depreciation in 1780 . . . . . 7,, 19,, 0

Jane Crawford Heir of Robert Crawford Twenty one pounds seven shillings & sixpence for Depreciation in 1777 & 78 . . . . . 21,, 7,, 6

Benjamin Barnett Eight pounds thirteen shilgs & seven pence 8,, 13,, 7

And John Barnett Eight pounds, thirteen shillings & seven pence — 3mo Men in Capt. Runnels Company . 8,, 13,, 7

Ordered the Treasr to issue a Note on Interest in favor of Aaron Smith, Ensn, payable in one year from the date thereof for twenty seven pounds in full for half pay from the 1 June 1784 to the 1 Feby 1785 . 27,, 0,, 0

[Feb.] 7. Ordered the Treasr to pay John Rowen nine pounds two shillings & five pence, Depreciation in 1780 . . . . . 9,, 2,, 5

Samuel Saunders Seventeen pounds three shillings & four pence — Deptn in 1781 . . . . . 17,, 3,, 4

[Feb.] 12. Samuel Kempton Seventeen pounds fifteen shillings & one penny. Dep in 1781 . . . . 17,, 15,, 1

[Feb.] 14. Charles Lynde, Eight pounds sixteen shillings & eight pence, Dep. in 1777 . . . . . 8,, 16,, 8

William Laiken an Invalid, twelve pounds in full for half pay to 4 Dec 1784 . . . . . 12,, 0,, 0

* 1 P. & C. : 81 * FEBRUARY 15, 1785.

Phinehas Wright fifty pounds two shillings & one penny, Deptn to 1780 . . . . . 50,, 2,, 1

and seven pounds nine shillings and eight pence in 1780 . . . . . 7,, 9,, 8

Andrew Kanghow eight pounds eighteen shillings & eight pence 8,, 18,, 8

and William Ordway nine pounds thirteen shillings & four pence — 6 mo man in 1781 . . . . . 9,, 13,, 4

[Feb] 16 Reuben Spencer an Invalid Ninety six pounds in full for half pay from 1st Jany 1777 to 1 Jany 1785. ℔ vote 6 Novr 1785 . . . . . 96,, 0,, 0

Willm Eastman Six pounds eight shillings & eleven pence — Dep 1780	6,,	8,,	11
Bartho Stevens Twenty six shillings & eight pence, Deptn in 1780	1,,	6,,	8
Joseph Hoit five pounds six shilg & 6d . . .	5,,	6,,	6
Nathan Carter five pound six & six pence 3 mo Men	5,,	6,,	6
[Feb] 17. Henry Snow deceasd forty six pounds 6 shillings & four pence — Dept to 1780 . . .	46,,	6,,	4
James Barnes five pounds nine shillings & nine pence — Deptn in 1780	5,,	9,,	9
Benja Dole fifteen pounds five shillgs & seven pence. Dept in 1781	15,,	5,,	7
Jeremiah Carter five pounds six shillings & six pence 3 mo man	5,,	6,,	6
Archd McMillan an Invalid six pounds in full as pensioner at 10s ℔ mo to the 10th June 1784 . . .	6,,	0,,	0
Amos Royce fourteen pounds twelve shillings — Deptn in 1777 & 1778	14,,	12,,	0
Joel Royce seven pounds fifteen shillgs & eleven pence, Deptn in 1780	7,,	15,,	11

* 1 P. & C. : 82 * FEBRUARY 18th 1785

Samuel Danforth five pounds sixteen shillings. Deptn in 1780	5,,	16,,	0
James Jackson fathr of Daniel, nineteen pounds six shillings & eight pence, Deptn in 1777 & 78 . .	19,,	6,,	8
Willm Lear the fathr of Willm Twenty pounds ten shillgs — Deptn in 1777 & 78	20,,	10,,	0
Willm Grant fathr of Daniel, Eight pounds . .	8,,	0,,	0
Charles Sargent father of John, Sixteen pounds seventeen shillings & five pence. Dep. 1781 . . .	16,,	17,,	5
Ordered the Treasr to pay the Honble George Atkinson ten pounds, two shillings amot of his [bill] for providing a State Seal	10,,	2,,	0
Ordered the Treasr to pay John Sparhawk four pounds for two books, ℔ vote 10 Feby . . .	4,,	0,,	0
Ordered the Treasr to pay the Roll of Lt Meshech Bell amounting to Sixty pounds;	60,,	0,,	0
Also his Accot for wood amountg to four pounds. ℔ vote of 11 Feby 1785	4,,	0,,	0
Ordered the Treasr to pay Jona Eliott forty shillings ℔ vote of 12 Feby 1785	2,,	0,,	0

Ordered the Treas^{r} to pay John Duncan Esqr Three pounds eighteen shillings for time & expenses in holding meetings in unincorporated places. ℔ vote 12 Feby 1785 . . . . . 3,, 18,, 0

Ordered the Treas^{r} to pay Samuel Lowell Six pounds ℔ vote 12 Feb. 1785 . . . . . 6,, 0,, 0

Also Elijah Grout Esq. Sixty six pounds four shillings & three pence. Bal^{ce} of his Acco^{t} ℔ vote 15th Feby 1785 . . . . . 66,, 4,, 3

Also Capt. Aaron Kinsman five pounds four shillings amount of his Acco^{t} ℔ vote of 15th Feby 1785 . 5,, 4,, 0

* 1 P. & C. : 83 * 18 February 1785.

Ordered the Treas^{r} to pay Samuel Fowler thirty shillings — Journey to No. 4 in 1777 — 1,, 10,, 0

John Holbrook forty five pounds in full of all his Claims for supplying Soldiers at Coös. ℔ vote 18 Feby 1785 . . . . . 45,, 0,, 0

1 year. Simon Pope, Twenty two pounds four shillings & eight pence — Dep^{t} 1780 . . . . . 22,, 4,, 8

1 year. Oliver Clough Twenty two pounds thirteen shillings — Dep^{tn} in 1780 . . . . . 22,, 13,, 0

Samuel Sargent nine pounds six shillings & four pence. Dept^{n} in 1780. . . . . 9,, 6,, 4

The Town of Keene Three pounds one shilling & six pence ½ penny hard money 3,, 1,, 6½

& one pound, seven shillings & eleven pence New Emission for taxes laid on the Estate of Elijah Williams an Absentee for the year 1781 & 1782 . . . . . 1,, 7,, 11

Also Twenty two pounds nineteen shillings & three pence ¾ silver money 22,, 19,, 3¾

& ten pounds nine shillings New Emission for taxes on land of Josiah Pomeroy an Absentee for the years 1782 & 1783 . . . . . 10,, 9,, 0

The Town of Hollis seventeen shillings & two pence ¼ for taxes laid on land of Col. Willm Brown an Absentee in 1782 . . . . . 0,, 17,, 2¼

19 Feby 1785 Ordered the Treas^{r} to pay John Swan Eleven pounds eighteen shillings & eight pence Deprec^{tn} in 1780 . . . . . 11,, 18,, 8

James Taggart thirteen pounds six shill^{g} & eight pence Dep^{tn} in 1780 . . . . . 13,, 6,, 8

Willm Grant, Ten pounds thirteen shillings & seven pence — Dep^tn in 1780 . . . . . 10,, 13,, 7

Addition travel Roll of Genl Court forty nine shillings & four pence 2,, 9,, 4

* 1 P. & C. : 84 * 19th Feby 1785. Mary Bearce wid^o of Andrew Bearce ten pounds five shill^g & nine pence Dep 1777 . . . . . 10,, 5,, 9

Eliphalet Sias Six pounds eight shillings & eight pence — Capt. Smith's Co 1781 . . . . . 6,, 8,, 8

22^d Feby 1785, David Hazeltine eleven pounds two shil^gs & seven pence. Dep^t in 1780 . . . . . 11,, 2,, 7

and to Humphrey Cram Eleven pounds six shillings & eight pence for the same year 11,, 6,, 8

Lt Thos Simpson an Invalid fifty seven pounds thirteen shillings & four pence at one quarter part of monthly pay from 21 Sept. 1782 to 18th 1785. ℔ vote 18 Feby 1785 . . . . . 57,, 13,, 4

Nich^s Nicolle eighty six shil^g & four pence . . 4,, 6,, 4

24th February 1785. Hugh Montgomery father of Martin, thirteen pounds seven shillings & seven pence for Depreciation in 1777 & 1778 . . . . . 13,, 7,, 7

Daniel Shepherd five pounds six shil^gs & six pence 3 ^mo Man in 1781 . . . . . 5,, 6,, 6

Bridget Hudson Wid^o of Benjamin Hudson thirty two shillings Dep^tn in 1777 . . . . . 1,, 12,, 0

Jon^a Fuller Seven pounds eighteen shil^gs & five pence — Dep^tn in 1777 . . . . . 7,, 8,, 15

3 March 1785, Submit Bartlett the mother of Moses Gould Eight pounds thirteen shillings & two pence for Depreciation in 1777 & 1778 . . . . . 8,, 13,, 21

Asa Shurtliff fifteen pounds two shillings Six months Man in 1780 . . . . . 15,, 2,, 0

Paul Sanborn fifty shillings & eight pence Depreciation in 1780 . . . . . 2,, 10,, 8

* 1 P. & C. : 85 * 3^d March 1785.

John Rogers Eight pounds five shillings & seven pence for Dep^tn in 1781 . . . . . 8,, 5,, 7

Ordered the Treas^r to pay the Rolls for travel & Attendance of the Genl Court at the Sessions in Feby last; The Senate Roll Amounting to Eighty one pounds eight shillings and four pence 81,, 8,, 4

& the travel Roll of the House amounting to One Hundred & thirty three pounds five shillings & eight pence	133,,	5,,	8
To pay Jeremiah Eames for himself & Elijah Blodget Twenty one pounds twelve shillings for so much paid to Indians at Coös in 1781	21,,	12,,	0
To pay Capt. Lemuel Holmes Thirty pounds toward his sufferings while a prisoner at New York to be accounted for	30,,	0,,	0
To pay Joseph Jones Col^{tr} of Proprietors taxes for the Town of Rumney Twenty one pounds nine shillings for Taxes on lands of Samuel Holland Esq. an Absentee	21,,	9,,	0
To pay Ebenezer Thompson Esq. Secretary forty pounds as a Salary for the current year — . . .	40,,	0,,	0
To pay Maj^{r} Jon^{a} Child, Seventy five pounds ten shillings & nine pence. The balance of his Acco^{t} against this State	75,,	10,,	9
To pay the Revd Mr Shuttleworth thirty shillings as Chaplain to the Genl Court in Feb^{ry} 1785 . . .	1,,	10,,	0
To pay Nicholas Nichole four pounds three shillings & eight pence, transportation of public papers from Exeter to Concord &c expen Acc^{ot}	4,,	3,,	8
To pay Timothy Walker Esq. Twenty pounds — .	20,,	0,,	0

* 1 P. & C. : 86 * 4th March, 1785.

To pay John Calfe Esq. Six pounds for recording and copying for the press, the Journals of the House of Representatives. ℔ vote of 24 Feb. 1785 . . .	6,,	0,,	0
To pay the Hon. Judge Livermore Twelve pounds for attending the Genl Court & draughting Bills &c. ℔ vote of 24 Feb. 1785. Order drawn in Feby last but not called for till May 3^{d}. Enter^{d} twice thr^{o} mistake .	12,,	0,,	0
To pay Caleb Buswell sixty three shillings for attendance as Doorkeeper on the House of Rep . . .	3,,	3,,	0
To pay Joseph Pearson Seventy one shillings for money advanced by him for use of the State . .	3,,	11,,	0
To pay Nicholas Nicolle sixty three shillings for time & expenses in waiting on the Senate in Feby 1785	3,,	3,,	0
To pay Elizabeth White wid^{o} of James White Twenty two pounds seventeen shillings and sixpence — Dep^{tn} in 1777 & 1778	22,,	17,,	6

To pay Elizabeth Daniels Wid° of Nathl Daniels Seven pounds & ten pence, Dep. in 1777 & 1778. . 7,, 0,, 10

To pay James Bowley fifty five shillings and ten pence, Dep^tn in 1780, ... 2,, 15,, 10

and twenty pounds fifteen shillings & two pence in 1781 . . . . . 20,, 15,, 2

To pay Mary Woodall the Sister of Timothy Woodall fourteen pounds, nineteen shillings and eight pence, Depret^n in 1777 & 1778 . . . . . 14,, 19,, 8

To pay Samuel Wentworth father of Daniel Wentworth Nineteen pounds eighteen shillings & eight pence, Dep in 1777 & 1778 . . . . . 19,, 18,, 8

4th March 1785, Ordered the Treasurer to pay Timothy Curtis, Twenty four pounds fourteen shillings & eight pence for Dept^n in 1777 & 1778 . . . . 24,, 14,, 8

To pay Lucy Fay Wid° of Joseph Fay twenty eight pounds ten shillings for Depreciation in 1777 . . 28,, 10,, 0

To pay Sargent Amasa Parker thirty one pounds four shillings. Dep^tn in 1781 . . . . . 31,, 4,, 0

* 1 P. & C. : 87 * 5th March, 1785.

Ordered the Treas^r to pay Edmund Chadwick Surgeon, one hundred & sixty eight pounds sixteen shillings for Dep^tn in 1777 & 1778 . . . . . 168,, 16,, 0

To pay the heir of Thomas Duncan twenty two pounds two shil^gs for Dep^tn in 1777 & 1778 . . . . 22,, 2,, 0

To pay the heir of Luther Wheatley five pounds six shil^gs for Dep^tn in 1777 . . . . . 5,, 6., 0

[Nov.] 9. Ordered the Treasurer to pay Charles McCoy a 6mo Man in 1780 Seventeen pounds fourteen shillings for wages &c 17,, 14,, 0

Ordered the Treas^r to pay the heir of John Dorr Seven pounds eleven shillings & four pence, Dep^tn in 1777 . . . . . 7,, 11,, 4

Ordered the treas^r to pay Saml Hodgdon nineteen [pounds] one shilling Dep^tn in 1780, ... 19,, 1,, 0

and eighteen pounds sixteen shillings for Deprec^tn in 1781 . . . . . 18,, 16,, 0

Ordered the Treas^r to pay Joseph Stevenson fifteen pounds nineteen shillings & four pence for Depreciation in 1781 . . . . . 15,, 19,, 4

[Nov.] 16. Ordered the Treas^r to pay His Excellency

Two hundred pounds for his Salary for the present year, ℔ vote of 9th Novr 1784 . . . . . 200,, 0,, 0

[Mar.] 17. Ordered the Treasr to pay the following snms in favor of, Benjamin Putnam Twenty two pounds, eighteen shillings & eight pence for Deptn in 1780 . 22,, 18,, 8

John Row Twenty pounds eight shilg, Deptn 1781 . 20,, 8,, 0

Capt. Daniel Reynolds one hundred & twenty one pounds one shilg & six pence for Deptn in 1778 . . 121,, 1,, 6

Captn Ezekiel Gile one hundred & twenty pounds fourteen shillgs for Deptn in 1778. (℔ vote of Feby 1785.) 120,, 14,, 0

* 1 P. & C. : 88 * March 17th 1785.

Ordered the Treas to pay the following sums viz:

To Lt Brackett Towle eighty one pounds one shilling & eight pence for Deptn in 1778 . . . . . 81,, 1,, 8

To Lieut. Jonathan Leavitt Eighty one pounds six shillings for Deptn in 1778 . . . . . 81,, 6,, 0

To Lt Jacob Elliot Seventy five pounds eighteen shillings and eight pence. Deptn 1778 . . . . . 75,, 18,, 8

To Robert McMurphy Lt, Sixty pounds, fifteen shillings & seven pence for Deptn in 1778 . . . . . 60,, 15,, 7

To Capt. Samuel Dearborn, One hundred and twenty one pounds one shilling and sixpence for Deptn in 1775 121,, 1,, 6

To Col. Geo. Reid Sixty three pounds two shillings and four pence for Deprectn in 1781 . . . . . 63,, 2,, 4

To Isaac Davis Twenty pounds ten shillings & nine pence for Deptn in 1781 . . . . . 20,, 10,, 9

To Samuel Houston fifty eight pounds nine shillings for Depreciation in 1777, 1778, & 1779 . . . . 58,, 9,, 0

Ordered the Treasr to pay Genl Sullivan, Three hundred & twelve pounds nineteen shillings & seven pence. Balce of his acco as Delegate &c to Congress in 1780 & 81. ℔ vote of Feby 1785 . . . . . 312,, 19,, 7

To Abraham Senter for Deprectn to 1780 forty one pounds eight shillings 41,, 8,, 0

& for 1780 seventeen shillings & four pence . . 0,, 17,, 4

To Josiah Calley for Deptn in 1780 thirty seven shillings & four pence 1,, 17,, 4

To John Taggart for Deptn in 1780 twelve shillings & six pence 0,, 12,, 6

To Henry Sellingham for Deptn in 1778 & 1779 nineteen pounds two shillings & five pence 19,, 2,, 4

and for Dep^{tn} in 1780 Six pounds, eight shillings & nine pence 6,, 8,, 9

* Wednesday March 16th 1785. Agreeably to a summons from his Excellency the President the Honble * 1 P. & C. : 89
John McCleary, Joseph Badger, Francis Blood & Moses Chase, Esqr's of the Council attended at Exeter, His Excellency the President being sick did not attend.

Thursday March 17th His Excellency the President not being able to attend, the council present as yesterday spent the day in administering the oaths to such officers civil & military as attended for that purpose.

Friday March 18th the Council present as yesterday with the addition of the Hon^{le} Nathl Peabody Esqr, & having received a Summon from His Excellency the President requiring their attendance on him at Hampton Falls repaired to that place.

Hampton Falls, the same day, present His Excellency the President and the whole of the Council. And nominated the following named persons for officers Civil & Military as respectively set down viz: Timothy Ladd, Eliphalet Poor, and Samuel Jenness Esq^{rs}, as Justices of the Peace for the County of Rockingham.

William Weeks Esqr as a Justice of the Peace & of the Quorum for the said County of Rockingham.

* 1 P. & C. : 90 Samuel Emerson, Elisha Payne, Bezaleel Woodward, James Woodward — Esq'rs — Justices of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas for the County of Grafton.

David Webster Esqr Sheriff for the County of Grafton.[1] James Underwood Esqr for one of the Justices of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas for the County of Hillsborough in the room & stead of Samuel Dana Esqr who was appointed and declined accepting that office. Jeremiah Page Esqr for one of the Justices of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas for the county of Hilsboro in the room & stead of Ebenezer Rockwood Esqr who was appointed and declined accepting that office. Nathaniel Peabody Esqr Brigadier General to command the Corps of Horsemen, to which nomination the subscribers did advise and consent.

Francis Blood,
Joseph Badger,
Moses Chase.

Further proceeded in the nomination and nominated Moses Kelley Esqr as Sheriff for the County of Hillsborough.

1. Biography, Farmer and Moore, Historical Collections, vol. 3, 270.

* 1 P. & C.: 22 * Francis Blood Esqr as Colonel of the Twelfth Regiment. Phillip Putnam Esqr as Lieutenant Col^{o} of said Regiment. Ezra Town Esqr as Major of said Regiment. Samuel Gregg Esqr as second Major of said Regiment, to which nominations the subscribers did advise & consent.

John McCleary,
Joseph Badger,
Nathl Peabody,
Moses Chase.

Then proceeded & nominated John Calfe Esqr for Colonel of the seventh regiment of militia. David Quimby Esqr for Lieu^{t} Col^{o} of said Regiment. Phillip Tilton Esqr for Major of said Regiment. Joseph Tilton Esqr for second Major of s^{d} Reg^{t} Benjamin Stone Esqr for Colonel of the Twentieth Regiment of Militia. Abraham Dow, Esqr for Lieut. Col^{o} of s^{d} Reg^{t}. Ezekiel Gile Esqr for Major of s^{d} Regiment. Moses Little Esqr for second major of s^{d} Reg^{t}.

Aaron Kinsman Esqr for Colonel of the Eleventh Regiment of Militia —

Jeremiah Clough Junr Esqr, for Lieut. Col^{o} of s^{d} Reg^{t}
James Cockran Junr Esqr, for Major of s^{d} Regiment.
Joseph Tilton Esqr, for Second Major of s^{d} Regiment.

* 1 P. & C.: 92 * Daniel Reynolds Esqr, for Colonel of the Eighth Regiment of Militia.

James Gilmore Esqr, for Lieut. Colonel of said Regim^{t}.
Joseph Gregg Esqr, for Major of said Regiment
John Hardy Esqr, for second Major of said Reg^{t}
Stephen Dearborn Esqr, for Major of the Seventeenth Regiment of Militia.
—— Norris Esqr, for second Major of said Reg^{t}.

Daniel Rand Esqr for Colonel of the Twenty-Third Regiment of Militia.

Jedidiah Sanger for Lieu^{t} Col^{o} of said Regiment.
Sylvanus Reed Esqr. for Major of said Regim^{t}
—— Roberts Esqr, for Second Major of said Reg^{t}.

Jonathan Priest Whitcomb Esqr for Second Major of the Sixth Regiment of Militia, in the room & stead of Elisha Whitcomb Esqr who was appointed & declined accepting that office.

Henry Gerrish Esqr, for Colonel of the Twenty Second Regiment of Militia.

Ebenezer Webster Esqr, for Lieu^{t} Col^{o} of said Reg^{t}
Joshua Bayler Esqr, for Major of said Regim^{t}
Robert Wallace Esqr, for Second Maj^{r} of s^{d} Reg^{t}
Jonathan Moulton Esqr, for a Brigadier General of the Militia in

the room & stead of the Honble Woodbury Langdon Esqr, who was appointed & declined to accept of that office.

* 1 P. & C. : 93 * Hon^le Joshua Brackett Esqr,[1] for Judge of the Court Maritime.

Micah Lawrence Esqr, for Register of Probate for the County of Cheshire.

Samuel Dana Esqr, for Register of Probate for the County of Hilsborough.

Moses Hook Esqr, Jeremiah Clough Junr Esqr, Thomas Gilman Esqr, Nathaniel Batcheldor Esqr, Levi Dearborn Esqr, Moses Leavitt Esqr, Benjamin Butler Esqr, Simon Wiggin Esqr, Jonathan Leavitt Esqr, Elisha Brown Esqr, as Justices of the Peace for the County of Rockingham.

Thomas Tash Esqr, John Leavitt Esqr, Jacob Brown Esqr Jabez Dame Esqr, David Copp Esqr, & John Smith the 3^d Esqr, as Justices of the Peace for the County of Strafford.

Nathaniel Bean Esqr, Asa Davis Esqr, Ebenezer Webster Esqr, John Hogg Esqr, Matthew Pettingil Esqr, Zephaniah Clark Esqr, as Justices of the Peace for the County of Hilsborough.

Daniel Grout Esqr, Daniel Kimball Esqr, as Justices of the Peace for the County of Cheshire.

Russell Freman Esqr, Joseph Skinner Esqr, & Joseph Senter Esqr as Justices of the Peace for the County of Grafton.

* 1 P. & C. : 94 * Daniel McDuffee, Jonathan Adams, David Page, Peter Tilton, and Caleb Sanborn, Esq'rs, as Coroners for the County of Rockingham.

Joseph Burt & John Colburn as Coroners for the County of Cheshire.

John McCleary
Francis Blood
Joseph Badger
Nathl Peabody
Moses Chase.

Saturday March 19th 1785 The whole Council attended at Exeter for the purpose of Adminis^g the oaths to Officers Civil & Military.

Monday March 21st 1785 attended at Exeter for the same purpose as on Saturday last.

Tuesday March 22^d 1785 attended at Exeter for the same purpose as yesterday.

Wednesday March 22^d 1785, All the Members of Council attended on His Excellency the President at Hampton Falls, and took into consideration the nominations made last week.

1. Biography, Farmer and Moore, Historical Collections, Vol. II., p. 17; Adams, Annals of Portsmouth, p. 321; Plumer, Mss. Biography, Vol. IV. p. 234.

Thursday March 23d 1785, present as yesterday & proceeded in the consideration of the persons, nominated for offices.

* 1 P. & C.: 95 * FRIDAY, MARCH 25th 1785.

At Hampton Falls. Present His Excellency the President & all the Council.

The persons hereafter named having been under nomination more than seven days, are appointed to the several offices as respectively set down.

John Calfe Esqr Colonel of the Seventh Regiment of Militia.
David Quimby Esqr, Lieut. Colonel of said Regimt
Phillip Tilton Esqr, Major of said Regiment
Joseph Tilton Esqr, Second Majr of said Regiment.
Benjamin Stone Esqr, Colonel of the Twentieth Regt of Militia.
Abraham Dow Esqr, Lieut Colo of said Regimt
Ezekeal Gile Esqr, Major of said Regiment.
Moses Little Esqr, Second Major of said Regimt
Aaron Kinsman Esqr, Colonel of the Eleventh Regiment of Militia.
Jeremiah Clough Junr Esqr, Lieut Colonel of said Regiment.
James Cockran Junr, Major of said Regiment
Joseph Tilton Esqr, Second Major of Said Regt
Daniel Reynolds Esqr, Colonel of the Eighth Regt of Militia.
James Gilmore Esqr, Lieut Colo said Regimt
Joseph Greeg Esqr, Major of said Regiment.
Thomas Hardy Esqr, Second Major of Said Regt
* 1 P. & C.: 96 * Stephen Dearborn Esqr, Major of the Seventeenth Regiment of Militia.
—— Norris Esqr, Second Major of said Regt
Daniel Rand Esqr, Colonel of the Twenty-third[1] Regiment of Militia.
Jedediah Sanger Esqr, Lieut Colol of said Regimt
Sylvanus Reed Esqr, Major of said Regimt
Richard Roberts Esqr, Second Major of said Regt
Jonathan Priest Whitcomb Esqr, Second Major of the Sixth Regiment of Militia in the room & stead of Elisha Whitcomb Esqr who was appointed to that office & declined accepting thereof.
Henry Gerrish Esqr, Colo of the Twenty-Second Regiment of Militia.
Ebenezer Webster Esqr, Lieut Colo of said Regt
Joshua Bayley Esqr, Major of said Regiment
Robert Wallace Esqr, Second Major of sd Regt

1. Altered to the 12th.

Jonathan Moulton Esqr, a Brigadier Genl of the Militia in the room & stead of the Honble Woodbury Langdon Esqr who was appointed & declined accepting that office.

Honble Joshua Brackett Esqr, Judge of the Court Maritime.

Micah Lawrence Esqr Register of Probate for the County of Cheshire.

* Samuel Dana Esqr, Register of Probate for the * 1 P. & C.: 97
County of Hilsborough.

Moses Hook, Jeremiah Clough Junr, Thomas Gilman, Nathaniel Batcheldor, Levi Dearborn, Moses Leavitt, Benjamin Butler, Simon Wiggin, Jonathan Leavitt & Elisha Brown Esq'rs, Justices of the Peace for the County of Rockingham.

Thomas Tash, John Leavit, Jacob Brown, Jabez Dame, David Copp & John Smith 3^{d}, Esq'rs Justices of the Peace for the County of Strafford.

Nathaniel Bean, Asa Davis, Ebenezer Webster, John Hogg, Matthew Pettingale & Zephaniah Clark Esq'rs Justices of the Peace for the County of Hilsborough.

Daniel Grout & Daniel Kimball Esq'rs, Justices of the Peace for the County of Cheshire.

Russell Freeman, Joseph Skinner, & Joseph Senter Esq'rs, Justices of the Peace for the County of Grafton.

Daniel McDuffee, Jonathan Adams, David Page, Peter Tilton, & Caleb Sandborn Esq'rs coroners for the County of Rockingham.

Joseph Burt & John Colburn Coroners for the County of Cheshire.

To which appointments the Subscribers did advise & consent.

John McCleary
Joseph Badger
Moses Chase
Nathl Peabody

*Further appointed, Moses Kelley Esqr, Sheriff * 1 P. & C.: 98
for the County of Hilsborough.

Francis Blood Esqr, Colonel of the Twelfth [1] Regiment of Militia. Philip Putnam Esqr, Lieu^{t} Col^{o} of said Regim^{t}. Ezra Town Esqr, Major of said Regim^{t} Samuel Gregg Esqr, Second Major of said Regiment. To which appointments the subscribers did advise & consent.

John McCleary
Joseph Badger
Moses Chase
Nathl Peabody

1. Altered to the 23d.

Also appointed

Timothy Ladd, Eliphalet Poor, & Samuel Jenness Justices of the Peace for the County of Rockingham. William Weeks Esqr Justice of the Peace & of the Quorum for said County of Rockingham. Samuel Emerson, Elisha Payn, Bezaleel Woodward James Woodward Esq'rs, Justices of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas for the County of Grafton. David Webster Esqr, Sheriff of the County of Grafton.

* 1 P. & C. : 99 * James Underwood Esqr, one of the Justices of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas for the County of Hilsborough in the room & stead of Samuel Dana Esqr who was appointed & declined accepting that office.

Jeremiah Page Esqr, one of the Justices of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas for the County of Hilsborough in the room & stead of Ebenezer Rockwood Esqr, who was appointed & declined accepting that office.

Nathaniel Peabody Esqr, Brigadier General to command the Corps of Horsemen.

To which appointments the Subscribers did advise & consent

Francis Blood
Joseph Badger
Moses Chase.

Saturday March 26th 1785, All the Council met at Exeter and spent the day in regulating sundry matters relative to commissionating the Several Courts offices &c. His Excellency the President informed the Council that a difficulty had arisen about the delivery of military Commissions. The field officers of the Regiments of Militia in the distant parts of the State urging that it was

* 1 P. & C. : 100 almost * impracticable for them to appoint their Captains & Subalterns & return their names seasonably to the President for Commissions to issue & strongly requested that Blank commissions might be delivered for the said purpose.

And desired the advice of Council thereon upon which question the Council advise that the Secretary be directed to deliver to a field officer, or order, or to either of the Council, Blank Military Commissions, & take receipts therefor, & promising to return the same, or to make a proper return of the names of the persons to whom the said commissions may be made out, & delivered with their respective grades, to the President of the State on or before the 17th of May next.

John McCleary
Joseph Badger
Francis Blood
Moses Chase
Nathl Peabody

His Excellency the President & Council nominated the following persons to the several offices hereafter respectively mentioned viz. :

Daniel Campbell of Amherst, & Robt Wilson of Peterbor° for Coroners for the County of Hilsbor° Stephen Chase of Chester a Coroner for the County of Rockingham. Daniel Sanborn of Sanborntown for a Justice of the Peace for the County of Strafford Stephen March of Greenland, John White of Plaistow & John Scribner of Poplin for Justices of the Peace for the County of Rockingham. Also nominated Supply Clapp for Colonel of the Corps of Light Horse. To which nominations the subscribers did advise & consent Also to the nomination of Benjamin Emerson Junr of Hampstead, James Towle of Hawke, Coroners for the County of Rockingham.

John McCleary
Francis Blood
Joseph Badger
Moses Chase.

* March 22nd 1785. * 1 P. & C. : 101

Ordered the Treasr to pay the following sums viz :

To Jeremiah Andrews father of William Andrews for Deprectn to 1780 six pounds eight shillings . .	6,,	8,,	0
To Samuel Welman for Depretn in 1780 twenty three pounds four shillings	23,,	4,,	0
To James Turner for Deptn to 1780, Forty one pounds seventeen shillings & eight pence	41,,	17,,	8
for 1780 Twenty three pounds thirteen shillings & four pence	23,,	13,,	4
& for 1780 Twelve shillings	0,,	12,,	0
[Mar] 23. To Hugh Jameson for Deprectn in 1778 & 1779 twenty pounds fifteen shillings & seven pence .	20,,	15,,	7
To Reuben Wheeler for Deprectn in 1780 five pounds three shillings & three pence	5,,	3,,	3
[Mar] 24. To Benjamin Bigelow forty pounds twelve shillings & one penny half penny for provisions &c for the soldiers at — Fort Point — 16 Feb. 1785 .	40,,	12,,	1½
To Thos Bickford thirty nine pounds fourteen shillings and six pence in full for the balance of his acco as commissary — ℔ vote 18th Feby 1785	39,,	14,,	6
To Robert Gerrish, Thirty two pounds ten shillings for printing the Journals of the House of Representatives of the first Session ℔ vote 15th Feby 1785 . .	32,,	10,,	0

To the Revd Mr Buckminister thirty shillings as Chaplain to Genl Court ℔ vote Feby 1785 . . 1,, 10,, 0
To Revd Doct^r Haven thirty shillings as Chaplain to Genl Court ℔ vote Feby 1785 . . . . . 1,, 10,, 0
To John T. Gilman Esq. Three hundred & thirty pounds from 12 June 1783 to 12 June 1784 as Treas^r 330,, 0,, 0
To John T. Gilman Three hundred & thirty pounds as Treas^r from 12 June 1784 to 12 June 1785 . . 330,, 0,, 0
To the Selectmen of Brintwood, Eighty six pounds fifteen shillings & seven pence for Bounties & Supplies since 1779 . . . . . 86,, 15,, 7
To the Selectmen of Stratham thirty two pounds nine shillings for Supplies advanced in 1780 & 1781 . 32,, 9,, 0
[Mar] 27. Ordered the Treas^r to pay the Travel & attend^ce of the Hon Council from March 16 to March 27 amo^tg to forty six pounds sixteen shill & four d . 46,, 16,, 4

*1 P. & C.: 102 *MARCH 25th 1785.

Ordered the Treas^r to pay the following sums viz:

To William Kendall thirty one pounds nine shillings and one penny, Depre^tn to 1780 . . . . . 31,, 9,, 0
& five pounds four shillings for Deprec^tn in 1780 . 5,, 4,, 0
To Peter Webster for Deprec^tn in 1780 Twenty two pounds seventeen shillings & four pence . . . 22,, 17,, 4
To Bartholomew Goyer for Deprec^tn in 1780 Twenty one pounds nineteen shillings & eight pence . . 21,, 19,, 8
To Jacob Gould for Dep^tn in 1780 Nineteen pounds one shilling & four pence 19,, 1,, 4
To Abel Jewett for Dep^tn in 1780 Twenty two pounds, seventeen shillings & four pence . . . 22,, 17,, 4
To Hezek^h Weathersbee for Dep^tn in 1780 fifteen pounds seventeen shillings & three pence . . . 15,, 17,, 3
To Asael Powers for Dep^tn in 1780 Nineteen pounds, two shillings & six pence 19,, 2,, 6
To Eleazer Taft, Nine pounds one shilling & ten pence, 3 ^mo Man in Capt. Whittier's Co. . . . 9,, 1,, 10
To James Lewis one y^rs Man in 1779 & 1780 Twenty pounds five shillings & four pence 20,, 5,, 4
To Nathan Martin for Dep^tn in 1780, Twenty pounds five shillings & eight pence 20,, 5,, 8
April 1st 1785 — Ordered the Treas^r to pay the following sums

To Joseph Perkins for the Deprec^{tn} in 1780 Twenty one pounds fifteen shillings & eight pence . . . 21,, 15,, 8

To Peter Barter for Deprec^{tn} in 1781, Sixteen pounds two shillings & three pence 16,, 2,, 3

To Thos Jameson for Dep^{tn} to 1780 forty pounds seven shillings & ten pence 40,, 7,, 10

To Hart Balch for Dep^{tn} to 1780 sixteen pounds five shillings & nine pence 16,, 5,, 9

* 1 P. & C. : 103 * April 8th 1785.

Ordered the Treas^{r} to pay the following sums viz :

To Hussey Hoag Thirty two shillings & five pence for Depreciation in 1780 . . . . . 1,, 2,, 5

[Apr] 11. Ordered the Treas^{r} to issue a Note on Interest payable in one year from the date thereof in favor of Josiah Magoon a Pensioner for Eighteen Pounds from 11 April 1784 to 11 Ap^{l} 1785 . . . . . 18,, 0,, 0

[Apr] 15. Ordered the Treas^{r} to issue a Note on Interest in favour of Lt James Gould for forty-eight pounds in full for half pay as an Invalid from 15th March 1784 to 15 March 1785 . . . . . 48,, 0,, 0

Ordered the Treas^{r} to issue a Note on Interest in favor of Jonathan Chapman for Twelve pounds in full for half pay as an Invalid from April 1, 1784 to April 1st 1785 . . . . . 12,, 0,, 0

[Apr.] 18th Ordered the Treas^{r} to pay the Heir of William Abbot Eight pounds eight shillings & eight pence for Depreciation in 1780 . . . . . 8,, 8,, 8

[Apr.] 20. Benjamin Cressey fifteen pounds nineteen shillings & five pence for Deprec^{tn} in 1780 . . 15,, 19,, 5

[Apr.] 21. Peter Cook Nine pounds two shillings for Depreciation in 1780 . . . . . 9,, 2,, 0

William Willie Twenty pounds eleven shillings and four pence for Dep^{tn} in 1780 . . . . . 20,, 11,, 4

Josiah Willie Twenty pounds four shillings and eight pence for Dep^{tn} in 1780 . . . . . 20,, 4,, 8

[Apr.] 22. Jacob Sillingham Twenty pounds four shillings and two pence for Dep^{tn} in 1778 & 1779 . . 20,, 4,, 2

and six pounds eight shillings & nine pence for Depreciation in 1780 . . . . . 6,, 8,, 9

[Apr.] 23. The Selectmen of Barnstead one hundred and nine pounds fourteen shillings & eight pence for Bounties & Supplies to Soldiers families . . 109,, 14,, 8

[April] 25. William Rowe for Depreciation to 1780 forty five pounds 45,, 0,, 0
and Six pounds eight shillings, & six pence for Dep^tn in 1780 . . . . . 6,, 8,, 6

* 1 P. & C. : 104 * APRIL 26th 1785.

Ordered the Treas^r to pay the following Sums viz:

To Ephraim Davis father of John Davis deceas^d Twenty one pounds four shil^gs for Dep^tn in 1777 & 1778 21,, 4,, 0
To Edmund Colby Sixteen pounds eighteen shillings & eight pence for Deprec^tn in 1781 . . . . . 16,, 18,, 8
[Apr.] 27. To Jonathan Conant seven pounds two shillings & eleven pence for Dep^tn in 1780 . . . 7,, 2,, 11
To James Young Six pounds six shillings & eight pence for Deprec^tn in 1780[1] 6,, 6,, 8
Ordered the Treasurer to pay by discount out of the State Taxes to Moses Kelsa or Bearer Six pounds thirteen shillings as 3 ^mo man in Capt. Smiths C^o 1781 . 6,, 13,, 0
May 2^d 1785. Ordered the Treas^r to pay Clement Jackson father of Clement Jackson late of the 3^d N. H. Reg^t Ten pounds ten shillings & eight pence, for Dep^tn in 1777 . . . . . 10,, 10,, 8
[May] 3. To pay the Hon. Judge Livermore twelve pounds for travel & attendance on the Genl Court revising the laws & draughting bills ℔ vote 24 Feby 1785 12,, 0,, 0
To pay the Hon. Judge Livermore Eighteen pounds, fifteen shillings for his Salary from 25 Sept, 1784 to 25 Decr 1784, ℔ vote Decr 1783 . . . . . 18,, 15,, 0
[May] 5. Ordered the Treasurer to issue a Note in favor of Samuel Fugard a Pensioner at five Dol. ℔ month for thirty six pounds in full as an invalid from 3 Novr 1782 to 3^d Novr 1784, ℔ vote of Feby 1785 36,, 0,, 0
[May] 5. To pay Robt Parker for Deprec^tn in 1780, Nine pounds fourteen shillings and four pence . . 9,, 14,, 4
To pay, [by discount] John Bryant a six ^mo man in 1781, Seven pounds four shillings 7,, 4,, 0
[May] 6. To pay the Selectmen of Derryfield by discount Twenty pounds for Bounties & Supplies adv^cd 20,, 0,, 0

1. The following paragraph appears in the text immediately following the item as to the payment to James Young, with cross marks over it indicating that it was stricken out by the recording officers, viz.:
"Ordered the Treasr to issue a Note on Interest payable in one year from the date thereof in favor of Daniel Buzzell, for Twelve pounds in full for half pay as an Invalid from
"Not granted."

* 1 P. & C. : 105 * MAY 7th 1785.

Ordered the Treasr to issue a Note in favor of Lt Daniel McMurphy for forty six pounds in full for half pay from 16 May 1784 to 1 May 1785 . . . 46,, 0,, 0

To pay Ebenezer Newman for Deptn in 1780 thirty three shillings and four pence 1,, 13,, 4

[May] 10. Ordered the Treasr to pay the following orders viz: in favor of Rama Emery for Deprectn in 1780, Twenty one pounds three shillings . . . 21,, 3,, 0

[May] 11. Benja Davis five pounds seven shillings and ten pence in Capt. Heads Co. 3 mo Service . . 5,, 7,, 10

[May] 12. Abiel Chandler Eleven pounds eleven shilgs for Depreciation in 1781 . . . . . 11,, 11,, 0

[May] 14. Elizabeth Stevens wido of Willm Stevens fourteen pounds four shilgs for Deprectn in 1777 & 1778 14,, 4,, 0

[May] 17. Ordered the Treasr to pay by discount out of the Taxes to the Town of Rindge Sixty three pounds three shillings & ten pence, Bounties paid to soldiers who engaged for a less term of time than three years 63,, 3,, 10

[May] 19. Ordered the Treasr to issue a Note on Interest payable in one year from the date thereof in favor of Phebe Colburn wido of the late Lieut Colo Andrew Colburn of 3d N. H. Reg. for Seven hundred & fifty six pounds in full for seven years half pay from 19 Sept. 1777 — ℔ vote 10 Nov. 1784 . . 756,, 0,, 0

Ordered the Treasr to pay Nathaniel Bachellor thirteen pounds twelve shillings for Deptn in 1780 . . 13,, 12,, 0

Ordered the Treasr to issue a Note on Interest payable in one year from the date thereof in favor of William Spaulding for twelve pounds in full, for half pay as an Invalid from April 1 1784 to Apl 1, 1785 . . 12,, 0,, 0

Ordered the Treasr to pay Simon Gilman five pounds nineteen shillings & three pence for Deptn in 1780 . . . . . 5,, 19,, 3

Gilmantown for Supplies to Soldiers families Nineteen pounds ten shillings & seven pence 19,, 10,, 7

Do Joseph Hale Eighteen pounds thirteen shillings & four pence for Depreciation in 1781 18,, 13,, 4

* 1 P. & C. : 106 * Monday May 16th 1785 — Agreeably to a Summons from His Excellency the President, The Hon. John McClary, Joseph Badger, Francis Blood and Moses Chase Esqrs, Members of the Council attended at Exeter, His Excellency, the

President being sick did not attend. Tuesday May 17th 1785, His Excellency the President being unable to attend at Exeter, the Honble Council waited on His Excellency at Hampton Falls. Present His Excellency [1] and all the Council. And then proceeded to examine the returned Copies of the votes for Senators by which returns it appeared that the Hon. Joseph Gilman John Langdon, & John McCleary Esq'rs were chosen Senators for the County of Rockingham by a majority of votes; John Wentworth Esq. was chosen a Senator by a majority of votes, for the County of Strafford. And Moses Chase Esq. was chosen a Senator by a majority of votes for the County of Cheshire, to whom summones were respectively issued, being the only persons, which by the return'd votes, appear^d to be chosen Senators in the respective counties of this State, as by the number of votes set down in the general List against the names of the respective Candidates will appear.

Wednesday May 18th 1785. Present as yesterday.

His Excellency & Council proceeded to make the following appointments pursuant to nominations made in March last viz: Daniel Campbell of Amherst & Robert Willson of Peterborough, Coroners for the County of Hillsborough. Stephen Chase of Chester a Coroner for the County of Rockingham. Benjamin Emerson Junr of Hampstead and James Towle of Hawke, Coroners for the County of Rockingham.

* 1 P. & C.: 107 * Daniel Sanborn of Sanborntown a Justice of the Peace for the County of Strafford.

Stephen March of Greenland, & John Scribner of Poplin, Justices of the Peace for the County of Rockingham.

Supply Clap a Colonel in the Corps of Light Horse.

To which appointments the subscribers did advise and consent.

John McCleary
Francis Blood
Joseph Badger
Nathl Peabody
Moses Chase.

Further appointed John White of Plaistow a Justice of the Peace for the County of Rockingham.

1. In Amory's Life of John Sullivan (1868), p. 200, it is stated that President Weare resigned his office towards the close of his term. The pay-roll indicates that he was in attendance upon the duties of his office as late as May 21, 1785, which was very near the close of the political year, and there is nothing on the record to indicate that he did not complete his full term of office.

To which appointment the Subscribers did advise & consent.

John McCleary [1]
Francis Blood [2]
Joseph Badger [3]
Moses Chase.

* 1 P. & C. : 108 * MAY 19th 1785

An order was issued in favor of John T. Gilman Esq. for the Balance of his account amounting to one hundred and eighty two pounds ten shillings & seven pence for services as Delegate to Congress in 1782 & 1783. ℔ votes Jany 15 1782 & Dec. 19, 1783 . . . . . 182,, 10,, 7

Ordered the Treasr to pay Benjamin Smith thirty three shillings and one penny for Depretn in 1780 . 1,, 13,, 1

and twenty pounds sixteen shillings for Dep. in 1781 20,, 16,, 0

[May] 21. Ordered the Treasr to issue a Note on Interest payable in one year from the date thereof in favor of Sergt Aaron Copp an Invalid for the sum of fifty four pounds in full for half pay from May 21, 1782 to May 21, 1785 . . . . . 54,, 0,, 0

Ordered the Treasr to pay the travel and attendance of the Hon. Council from 16 May to 21 May 1785 with some extra travel & attendance by direction of his Excellency as per Roll will appear — amot fifty three pounds seven shillings 53,, 7,, 0

Ordered the Treasr to pay Sarah Kimball Wido of the late Capt. Benja Kimball for his Depreciation of wages to 1780 the Sum of one hundred & seventy five pounds six shillings & seven pence 175,, 6,, 7

[May] 30. Ordered the Treasr to pay Benja Dole the brother of John Dole a soldier of the 1 N. H. Regt Nine pounds two shillings and eight pence for Depretn in 1780 . . . . . 9,, 2,, 8

Ordered the Treasr to pay Corrydon Chesley who married the wido of Benjn Tate four pounds ten shillings & eight pence for Deptn in 1781 . . . . . 4,, 10,, 8

Ordered the Treasr to pay Nathan Fish sixteen pounds five shillings & nine pence, Depreciation to 1780 . . . . . 19,, 5,, 9

1. Biographical Note, Bouton, Province and State Papers, Vol. 10, p. 32.

2. Biographical Sketch, Blood's History of Temple, p. 205.

3. Joseph Badger was the first of the family of that name in Gilmanton. Memoir, N. H. Hist. Soc. Collections, Vol. 6, p. 125. His son, Joseph Badger, was councilor, 1790, and served nine terms in that office. Plumer Mss. Biography Vol. 4, p. 483.

Ordered the Treas[r] to pay Nath[l] Patten thirteen pounds seventeen shillings for Depreciation in 1778 & 1779	31,,	17,,	0
& eleven pounds nine shillings & three pence for Dept[n] in 1780	11,,	9,,	3

NOTE 1. — With this term of office as the first President of the State of New Hampshire, Meshech Weare closed a career of public service covering a period of forty-five years. His death occurred on the 14th day of the following January, 1786. According to Jeremy Belknap, the historian, Meshech Weare, "though not a person of original or inventive genius, had a clear discernment, extensive knowledge, accurate judgment, a calm temper, modest deportment, an upright and benevolent heart, and a habit of prudence and diligence in discharging the various duties of public and private life."

NOTE 2. — The repetition of the paragraph on p. 250, *ante*, relative to John Dearborn and Moses Knight, which occurred in the record of Dec. 17, 1784, in the MSS., was not followed in this work, as that repetition appeared to be a clerical error.

* 1 P. & C.: 147

* PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL, ATTENDANCE ROLLS, 1784–5.

	June 15th 1784		June 29th	30th	July 1st		July 27th	28th	29th		Septr 7th	Septr 8th	9th	10th	11th	
His Excellency M Weare Esq Prest	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	
The Hon. John McClary	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	
Joseph Badger	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	
Francis Blood	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	
Nathl Peabody	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	Certified
Moses Chase	1	0	.	.	.	0	.	.	.	0	1	1	1	1	1	
The Hon Eben Thompson, Sc'y	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	
Joseph Pearson, D. S.	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	

	Nov. [Dec] 8th 1784	9th	10	11	12 Sunday	13 Monday	14 Tuesday	15 Wednesday	16 Thursday	17 Friday	18 Saturday		20 Monday	21	22	23	24	25 Dec 1784	26 Sunday	27th	28th	
His Excellency M. Weare Esq Prest....	1	1	1	1	.	1	1	1	1	1	1	.	1	1	1	1	1	1	.	.	.	
The Hon. John McClary	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Certified.
Joseph Badger.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Francis Blood.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Nath'l Peabody.....	.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Moses Chase.....	.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
The Hon, Eben Thompson Sc'y	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Joseph Pearson D. S.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	

	Wednesday March 16th [‘85]	17th	18th	19th	20 Sunday	21th	22d	23d	24th	25th			Certified	16 May 1785	17th Tuesday	18 Wednesday	19 Thursday	20 Friday	21 Saturday	
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STATE OFFICERS, 1785–6.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

JOHN LANGDON, Portsmouth, *President.*

Council.

NATHANIEL PEABODY, Atkinson,
MATTHEW THORNTON, Merrimack, } *Chosen from the Senate.*

JOHN SULLIVAN, Durham,
AMOS SHEPHARD, Alstead,
MOSES DOW, Haverhill, } *Chosen from the House of Representatives.*

EBENEZER THOMPSON, Durham, *Secretary of State.*
JOSEPH PEARSON, Exeter, *Deputy Secretary.*
JOHN TAYLOR GILMAN, Exeter, *State Treasurer.*

STATE SENATE.

June 1785, *to June* 1786.

JOHN LANGDON, Portsmouth, *President.*

For the County of Rockingham.	JOHN McCLEARY, Epsom, *President Pro Tem. or Senior Senator.*
	GEORGE ATKINSON, Portsmouth.
	JOSEPH GILMAN, Exeter.
	NATHANIEL PEABODY, Atkinson.
	JOSHUA WENTWORTH, Portsmouth.
Strafford County.	JOHN WENTWORTH, Dover.
	OTIS BAKER, Dover.
Hillsboro' County.	MATTHEW THORNTON, Merrimack.
	EBENEZER WEBSTER, Salisbury.
Cheshire County.	MOSES CHASE, Cornish.
	JOHN BELLOWS, Walpole.
Grafton County.	FRANCIS WORCESTER, Plymouth.

The Senators elected by the people for this Legislature, were for the County of *Rockingham*, John McCleary, Joseph Gilman, John Langdon; for the County of *Strafford*, John Wentworth[1]; for the County of *Cheshire*, Moses Chase.

The vacancies resulting from failures of popular elections were on the third of June filled in joint convention, by election as follows:

For the County of *Rockingham*, George Atkinson, Nathaniel Peabody; for the County of *Strafford*, Otis Baker; for the County of *Hillsborough*, Matthew Thornton, Ebenezer Webster; for the County of *Cheshire*, John Bellows; for the County of *Grafton*, Francis Worcester.

The House made choice of John Langdon and George Atkinson as the constitutional candidates, between whom the Senate should make choice of President, no election having been made by popular vote. The Senate on the 8th day of June elected John Langdon to the presidency. The vacancy in the Senate which thus resulted was filled in joint convention on the 7th day of June by the election of Joshua Wentworth.

MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT.

His Excellency JOHN LANGDON, Portsmouth,
Captain-General, Commander-in-Chief, and Admiral.

JOHN SULLIVAN, Durham, *Major-General.*

JOSEPH CILLEY, Nottingham,
JONATHAN MOULTON, Hampton,
GEORGE REID,[2] Londonderry,
BENJAMIN BELLOWS, Walpole,
MOSES DOW, Haverhill,
JONATHAN BLANCHARD, Dunstable,
Corps of Light Horsemen.
NATHANIEL PEABODY, Atkinson,
} *Brigadier-Generals.*

JEREMIAH FOGG, Kensington, *Adjutant-General.*

SUPPLY CLAPP, Portsmouth, *Commissary-General.*

1. Biography, 5 N. H. Hist. Soc. Collections 240. He was formerly known as John Wentworth, Jr. See Wentworth Genealogy, and 6 Appleton, Cyc. of Am. Biography, 436, Titles, John Wentworth and John Wentworth, Jr.

2. Biography, 5 Plumer, MSS. Biog. 70.

DELEGATES TO CONGRESS.

To serve for one year from the first Monday in November, 1785.

Names of Delegates.	Residence.	Date of Election.
WOODBURY LANGDON,	Portsmouth,	June 21, 1785.
PIERSE LONG,	Portsmouth,	June 21, 1785.
NATHANIEL PEABODY,*	Atkinson,	June 21, 1785.
GEORGE ATKINSON,	Portsmouth,	June 21, 1785.
TIMOTHY WALKER,	Concord,	Nov. 5, 1785.
SAMUEL LIVERMORE,	Holderness,	Nov. 5, 1785.

† DELEGATES FROM NEW HAMPSHIRE IN ACTUAL ATTENDANCE AT CONGRESS IN

1785.

ABIEL FOSTER, Canterbury.
PIERSE LONG, Portsmouth.

1786.

SAMUEL LIVERMORE, Holderness.
PIERSE LONG, Portsmouth.

JUDICIARY.

Superior Court of Judicature.

SAMUEL LIVERMORE, Holderness, *Chief Justice.*
JOSIAH BARTLETT, Kingston,
WILLIAM WHIPPLE, ‡ Portsmouth, } *Puisne Justices.*
JOHN DUDLEY, § Raymond,
JOHN SULLIVAN, Durham, *Attorney-General.*
NATHANIEL ADAMS, Portsmouth, *Clerk.*

Court Maritime.

JOSHUA BRACKETT, Portsmouth, *Judge.*

* Nath'l Peabody was recalled by vote of the Legislature June 14, 1786.
† The form of Credentials is given in xviii. Ham. State Papers, 733.
‡ Woodbury Langdon, Portsmouth, was appointed February, 1786, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of William Whipple, which occurred Nov. 28, 1785.
§ John Dudley was appointed Dec. 20, 1784, and succeeded Leverett Hubbard, who was not reappointed by the President and Council under the new Constitution. See Judge Hubbard's letter, xviii. Ham. State Papers, p. 763.

JOURNAL OF THE SENATE

CONTAINING THE PROCEEDINGS FROM

JUNE 1, 1785, TO JUNE 23, 1785.

JOURNAL OF THE SENATE.

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* 2:29 * At the first Session of the Second Court under the new Constitution, begun and held at Portsmouth, on the first Wednesday in June, being the first day of said Month, in the ninth year of the Independence of the United States of America, Anno Domini, one thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty five

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 1785.

Being the day appointed by the Constitution, for the meeting of the General Court, five being the Whole number of the members elected by the People for Senators, for the ensuing year, attended and took the Oaths, viz.

The Honorable John McClary, Joseph Gilman, John Langdon Esqrs } For the County of Rockingham

John Wentworth Esqr for the County of Strafford

Moses Chase Esqr for the County of Cheshire.

* 2:30 * THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 1785.

Present as Yesterday

The Members present met with the house of Representatives in the said Representatives Chamber, in Order to proceed in filling up the Vacancies in the Senate; Choice of Secretary, Treasurer, and Commissary-General, agreeable to the Constitution; and agreed to adjourn till tomorrow ten o'clock, A. M., then to Meet again in said Chamber

[The Journals of the Senate and House for the political year 1785–6 are copies of the manuscript in the office of the Secretary of State. There are no contemporary printed journals for this period accessible, except a fragment of that of the House for the February Session, 1786. — ED.]

FRIDAY, JUNE 3rd, 1785.

Present as Yesterday

Met in the Representatives Chamber, agreeable to adjournment, and Proceed in Balloting for Senators ; by which it appeared that the following Gentlemen were Chosen viz.

THE HON George Atkinson Esqr } For the County
Nathaniel Peabody Esqr } of Rockingham
Otis Baker Esqr, for the County of Strafford
Matthew Thornton Esqr } for the County
Ebenezer Webster Esqr } of Hillsborough
John Bellows, Esqr for the County of Cheshire
Francis Worcester Esqr for the County of Grafton

The Vacancies in the Senate being filled up, proceeded to the Choice of a Secretary ; and the ballots being taken, it appeared that Ebenezer Thompson, Esqr was Elected to that Office

The ballots being taken for a Treasurer, it appeared that the Hon. John T. Gilman, Esqr was unanimously chosen to that Office

The ballots being taken for a Commissary-General, it appeared that Supply Clap Esqr was unanimously Chosen for that office

*2:31 *The Senate then retired to their Own room, and the Hon. George Atkinson, Nathaniel Peabody, and Ebenezer Webster Esqrs attended and took the Oaths.

At four o'clock, the Senate met with the House, and Proceeded to examine the Votes returned for a President ; and after making out a list of all the votes returned, agreed to adjourn the meeting 'till to-morrow ten o'clock, A. M. and then the Senate retired to their own Room. The members present adjourned 'till to morrow nine o'clock A. M.

SATURDAY, JUNE 4th 1785.

Present as Yesterday

Met with the House, and on Examination of the list of Votes for a President, it appeared that the whole Number amounted to Seven thousand and Seventy nine ; and that no one person had a Majority.

The Votes for the Hon. George Atkinson, Esqr amounted to 2755
John Langdon Esqr 2497
John Sullivan Esqr 777
Josiah Bartlett Esqr 720

Being the four highest Numbers voted for ; adjourned till Monday next three o'clock P. M.

The Senate then retired to their Own room, and adjourned to Monday next three o'clock, P. M.

MONDAY JUNE 6th 1785.

Present, The Hon. John McClary John Langdon George Atkinson Nathaniel Peabody, Esquires * John Wentworth * 2 : 32 Moses Chase and Ebenezer Webster. Otis Baker, Esqr one of the Members elect, also attended; and after taking the Oaths, took his seat at the Board Matthew Thornton, Esqr one of the Members elect, attended and took the Oaths, &c.

The Senate then Met with the Representatives in their Room, and agreed to adjourn the further meeting until tomorrow four o'clock, P. M.

The Senate then retired to their own room, and adjourned until tomorrow eight o'clock, A. M.

TUESDAY, JUNE 7th 1785.

Present as Yesterday

The Senate met with the Representatives in their Chamber, and agreed to adjourn their further Meeting for the Choice of officers until nine o'clock A. M.

They then retired to their own room, and adjourn'd 'till tomorrow nine o'clock A. M.

WEDNESDAY JUNE 8th 1785.

Present as Yesterday, except

Mr Wentworth. — also, Francis Worcester, Esqr one of the Members elect attended and took the Oaths, &c. Mr Prentiss, with Others, brought up a Vote, by which it appeared that the Honorable House of Representatives, had balloted for a President, agreeable to the Constitution; and from the four who had the highest Number of Votes from the People, had elected the Hon. John Langdon, Esqr the Hon. George Atkinson Esqr as Candidates for that office Mr Langdon and Mr Atkinson then withdrew from the Senate Chamber, and the Members * present proceeded to ballot * 2 : 33 for a President agreeable to the Constitution, the ballots being taken, it was found that the Hon. John Langdon, Esqr had Seven votes, and the Hon. George Atkinson, Esqr one vote for that office so it appeared that the Hon. John Langdon, Esqr was elected President of this State, for the year ensuing.

The Senate then Proceeded to the appointment of a Senior Senator; and the ballots being taken, it appeared that the Hon. John McClary, Esqr was Chosen to that Office

The Senate then met with the Representatives in their Chamber, and agreed to adjourn their further Meeting until to-morrow nine o'clock A. M.

The Representatives attended with the Senate in the Senate chamber, and the President elect took the Oaths agreeable to the Constitution, before *boath* Houses, and was declared President of the State, by the Hon. John McClary Esqr Senior Senator.

Adjourned 'till tomorrow eight o'clock A. M.

THURSDAY, JUNE 9th 1785.

Met according to adjournment.

Present His Excellency John Langdon, Esqr President

The Hon. John McClary, Joseph Gilmore, Nathaniel Peabody, George Atkinson, Otis Baker, Senators

John Wentworth, Matthew Thornton, Ebenezer Webster,
* 2 : 34 * Moses Chase, Francis Worcester, Esq'rs

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to wait upon the Rev. Mr Belknap, and return him the thanks of the General Court for the very Ingenious discourse delivered before them, and request a Copy for the Press, was brought up read and Concurred: Mr Atkinson was joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to Consider of the Accompt of the Selectmen of Packersfield, and report thereon, was brought up, read and Concurred: Mr Gilman and Mr Chase were joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to revise the table of Fees, and report such alterations and amendments as they may judge Necessary, was brought up, read and Concurred; Mr Thornton, Mr Worcester and Mr Gilman were joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to Consider of the necessity of forming and equiping a Regiment of Artillery within this State, &c. was brought up read and Concurred: Mr Peabody and Mr Baker, were joined

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate to consider of the number of Light horse men necessary in this State, the method of raising and equiping them, &c, was brought up; read and Concurred: Mr Peabody and Mr Baker were joined.

A Vote that the accompt of Edmund Quincy, amounting to

twenty Seven Shillings, for paper for the use of the State, be allowed and paid, was brought up, read and Concurred.

* A Vote to hear the Petition of Joseph Kimbal, (who prays * 2 : 35
for the exclusive right of keeping a ferry over a Certain
Part of Connecticut River,) on the Second Wednesday of next Session was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to hear the Petition of Thomas Odiorne, Eliphalet Ladd and John Taylor Gilman, in behalf of the new Parish in Exeter, (who pray to have certain regulations relative to Some Parsonage lands in said Exeter) on the first Friday of next Session, was brought up, read and Concurred.

The Senate then met with the Representatives in their Chamber, agreeable to adjournment, and proceeded to ballot for a Senator for the County of Rockingham, in the room of His Excellency John Langdon, Esqr promoted to the Chair, the ballots being taken, it appeared that the Hon. Joshua Wentworth, Esqr had a Majority of Votes. The Senate then retired to their own room.

A Vote to hear the Petition of Jonathan Mason, on the Second Wednesday of next Session, he praying to have a Grant of the exclusive right of keeping a ferry over a Certain part of Connecticut-River, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to hear the Petition of the Selectmen of Dearing (praying leave to bring in a bill to enable them to tax the lands in said town for certain purposes) on the Second thursday of next Session, was brought up, read and Concurred.

The petition of the town of Hancock, praying leave to bring
in a bill to enable them to tax all the lands in said * town, * 2 : 36
for the purpose of erecting a meeting House, was brought
up, with a vote thereon, for hearing the Petitioners on the Second thursday of next Session ; which was read and Concurred.

A Vote of the house of the Eighth Instant, for postponing the hearing of Petitions from that day to this Instant, being the ninth, viz. the petition of Wolfborough and Middletown, of J. Saunders and Hugh Little, Nathaniel Foster and Col. Thomas Bartlett, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A petition of Sarah Kimball, praying to be allowed the half pay of her late Husband, (who lost his life in the Army) agreeable to a resolve of Congress, was brought up, with a vote thereon, for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to consider of the Same, and report thereon, was brought up, read and Concurred : Mr Gilman and Mr Webster were joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to Consider of the Petition of Ezekiel Worthen, and all Similar Mat-

ters, and report thereon: was brought up, read and Concurred: Mr Atkinson and Mr Gilman were joined.

A Vote to postpone the hearing of the Petition of David Corser, until the Second Wednesday of next Session was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote directing the Treasurer of this State, to attend the General Court at their present Session, with such papers, &c. as may be necessary to transact public business, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to consider of the Memorial of the Rev. Mr Belknap, and
* 2:37 * report thereon, was brought up, read and Concurred; Mr Atkinson and Mr Thornton were joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to prepare and lay before the General Court a bill for the better Observation of the Lord's Day: was brought up, read and Concurred; Mr Worcester and Mr Thornton were joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate to brigade the several regiments of Militia in this State was brought up, read and Concurred: Mr Peabody Mr Thornton and Mr Webster were joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to consider of the Petition of a large number of the Inhabitants of this State, praying that Some method may be devised for the repairing Newmarket Bridge, and report thereon, was brought up, read and Concurred: Mr Atkinson and Mr Gilman were joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to Consider of the Petition of Joshua Young, and report thereon, was brought up, read and Concurred Mr McClary and Mr Chase were joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate to Consider of the Petitions of sick and wounded Officers and Soldiers, was brought up, read and Concurred; Mr Peabody, Mr Thornton, and Mr Gilman were joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate to Call on George Gaffrey Esqr and receive from him
* 2:38 * the weights and measures which were formerly used as a Standard, was brought up, read and Concurred; Mr Atkinson was joined.

A Vote to postpone the hearing on the Petition of Charity Lund, until the first Friday of next Session was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to

Consider what Standards or banners will be most proper for the respective Regiments within this State, was brought up, read and Concurred: Mr Peabody and Mr Webster were joined.

The Petition of Micah Reed, praying for a grant of the exclusive right of keeping a Ferry over Some part of Connecticut River, was brought up, with a Vote thereon, for hearing the Petitioner on the Second tuesday of next Session; which was read and Concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate to Consider of the Petition of James Gray, and all Similar Matters, and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred; Mr Wentworth and Mr Peabody were joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to consider of the Petition of Benjamin Baxter, and report thereon, was brought up, read and Concurred: Mr Worcester was joined.

A Vote for hearing the Petition of Benjamin Miller and others praying that Certain lands may be disannexed from Newington, and annexed to Portsmouth was brought up with a vote thereon for hearing the Same, on the 15th of June Current; which was read and Concurred.

*A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the *2:39
Senate to Consider of the Petition of the Selectmen of
Bedford and report thereon, was brought up, read and Concurred; Mr Webster and Mr Chase were joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate to consider of the Petition of Woodbury Langdon, Esqr and report thereon, was brought up, read and Concurred; Mr McClary and Mr Wentworth were joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate to consider of the Petition of the Selectmen of Cornish, and report thereon, was brought up, read and Concurred; Mr Gilman and Mr Peabody were joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate to take under Consideration an act of this State, passed June 12th 1784 establishing a method of making rates and taxes, and to report such alterations as they Judge necessary was brought up read and Concurred: Mr Gilman and Mr Atkinson were joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to Consider of the Petition of John Pickering Esqr in behalf of Elisha Reed, and Other Inhabitants of the towns of Plainfield and Cornish, and report thereon, was brought up, read and Concurred; Mr Baker and Mr Peabody were joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate to consider of the Petition of Benjamin Dole, and all Similar Matters,

was brought up, read and Concurred; Mr Gilman and Mr Webster were joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate,
*2:40 *to Consider of the Petition of Moses Dow, Esqr and Others in behalf of Several towns in the Counties of Grafton and Cheshire and report thereon, was brought up, read and Concurred; Mr Worcester and Mr Chase were joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to consider of the Petition of Samuel Jones, and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred; Mr Chase was joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to Consider of the proper Measures for forming and arranging the alarm list in this State, was brought up, read and concurred; Mr Thornton and Mr Peabody were joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to revise the Militia Laws of this State, and report thereon, was brought up, read and Concurred; Mr Peabody and Mr Thornton were joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to consider of the Petition of Jonathan Eastman of Walpole, and report thereon, was brought up, read and Concurred; Mr J. Wentworth was joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to consider of the petition of Daniel Rand, Jedediah Sanger, and report thereon, was brought up, read and Concurred; Mr Peabody, Mr Thornton, and Mr Baker, were joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to Consult with the honorable Committee appointed to revise the Laws of this State, respecting that business, was brought up, read and Concurred; Mr Wentworth was joined.

A Vote to postpone the hearing of the Petition of Thomas Pinkham until tuesday next, was brought up, read and Concurred.

*2:41 * A Vote to pay the Accompt of John Duncan Esqr amounting to twenty four Shilling, for holding a meeting at Peterborough Slip, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to put of the hearing of the Petition of the Selectmen of Merrimac, until thursday next, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote to pay John McDuffee, Esqr for his services as a Special Justice of the Superior Court, eight pounds eight Shillings, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to pay the Accompt of James Betton, Esqr for services for the State, amounting to three pounds five shillings and two pence, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote for a committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to consider of the Petition of John Donaldson, and Mary his wife, and

report thereon, was brought up read and concurred; Mr Worcester and Mr Gilman were joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to consider the most expedient measures to be taken for collecting the residue of the fines, laid on Several Towns in this State, for their deficiencies in raising Soldiers, was brought up, read and concurred; Mr John Wentworth, Mr Peabody and Mr Atkinson were joined.

The petition of the town of Raby, praying that some part of the town of Hollis, may be disannexed from said Hollis, and annexed to Raby, was brought up, with a vote thereon, granting the Petitioners a hearing on said petition, on the first Friday of next Session, which was read and concurred.

A resolve lengthening out the time for recording grants,
* Charters and locations of Land, for the term of One year * 2:41
from this time, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to nominate four persons, out of whom two are to be chosen to join with the Hon. Christopher Toppan Esqr already appointed to Confer with the General Court of the Massachusetts, respecting the Commerce between this State and that, was brought up, read and Concurred; Mr Joshua Wentworth and Mr Atkinson were joined.

A resolve enabling Justices of the peace to administer the Oaths to sundry officers, Agreeable to Constitution, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to consider of the petition of Ebenezer Flagg, and all Similar Matters, was brought up, read and concurred; Mr Thornton was joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to consider of the Petition of Joseph Leigh, and report thereon, was brought up, read and Concurred; Mr Gilman and Mr Atkinson were joined.

Joshua Wentworth, Esqr attended, and after having the Oath administered to him by his Excellency the President, took his seat at the Board.

The Senate then met with the House in their room, on the hearing of sundry Petitions, and for the Choice of officers, &c. and agreed to adjourn their further meeting until to-morrow, ten o'clock, A. M.

The Senate then retired to their Own room, and adjourned 'till to-morrow, eight o'clock, A. M.

FRIDAY, JUNE 10th 1785.

Met according to adjournment.
Present as Yesterday.

*2:43 *The Senate met with the House in their room, and spent the forenoon in hearing the parties on sundry Petitions.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to consider what allowance shall be made those members of the Late Council, and Senior Senator, who attended to administer the necessary Oaths to the members of this Court, was brought up, read and Concurred; Mr Joshua Wentworth and Mr Baker were joined.

A Vote to grant the prayer of the Petition of Thomas Bartlet Esqr and giving him Leave to bring in a bill accordingly was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote to postpone the hearing of the petition of the Selectmen of Merrimac, to the Thursday of their next Session, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote on the Petition of Middletown, appointing a Committee to view the Premises, and putting of the Hearing until the Second Thursday of next Session, was brought up, read and concurred.

The Senate then met with the House in their Chamber, to vote for the Several persons to compose a Council, agreeable to the constitution; and the ballots being taken, it appeared that the Hon. Nathaniel Peabody, Esqr had a Majority of votes for the first Councillor. the ballots being taken, it appeared that the Hon. Matthew Thornton Esqr was chosen second Councillor, by a Majority of votes The ballots being taken, it appeared that the Hon. John Sullivan Esqr was chosen by a Mjority of votes, the third Councillor. The Ballots being taken, it appeared that Col. Amos Shephard, was chosen the fourth Councillor by a Majority of votes, The ballots being taken, it appeared that Col. Moses Dow was chosen fifth Councillor by a Majority of votes, Then the Senate retired to their own room.

*2:44 *A Vote Granting the prayer of the Petition of James Saunders and giving him leave to bring in a bill accordingly, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote appointing Woodbury Langdon, Esqr and John Sparhawk Esqr (with Christopher Toppan, Esqr before chosen) to be a Committee to confer with the General Court, of Massachusetts, on the Subject of the Commerce between the two States, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote that Mr Joshua Wentworth, Mr Peabody and Mr Gilman be a Committee to join with such of the Honorable House as they shall

appoint, to consider of the business most necessary to be Immediately proceeded on, by the General-Court, and make report thereon, was sent down for Concurrence by Mr Worcester.

The Senate met with the House in the Representatives Chamber, and agreed to adjourn their further Meeting for the Choice of officers, until tomorrow, ten o'clock, A. M. they then retired to their Own room.

Adjourned 'till to-morrow eight o'clock A. M.

SATURDAY, June 11th 1785.

The Senate assembled.
Present as Yesterday.

A Vote that Mr Gilman, Mr John Wentworth, and Mr Peabody, be a Committee to prepare and lay before the Senate the draught of an Answer to His Excellency's Address to both Houses, of the ninth Instant.

A Vote that Mr Joshua Wentworth, and Mr Peabody, be a Committee to join with such as the honorable House, shall appoint, to prepare and lay before the General-Court a draught for instructions to guide the naval officer in the Execution of his Office, relative to the Ship of war belonging to His most Christian Majesty
now laying in * Piscataqua harbour, was Sent down for Con- * 2 : 45
currence by Mr Chase.

A Vote to allow Capt. Ezekiel Worthen, and the Subalterns of his company, who served at Rhode Island in the year 1778 depreciation of wages as Officers of the same grade in the Continental army have been paid, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote of the House of the tenth Instant, was brought up for postponing all public hearings appointed for that day until this day; was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote to accept the report of the Committee on the Petition of Woodbury Langdon Esqr, granting him leave to bring in a bill for the repeal of the Act referred to in his Petition, so far only as respects him as attorney to Peter Levius, Esqr was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to allow Capt Simon Marston, and the Subalterns of his company, who served at Rhode Island, in the year 1778, depreciation of wages, as the Officers in the Continental army have been allowed; was brought up,

Adjourned 'till Monday next, three o'clock, P. M.

MONDAY, JUNE 13th 1785

The Senate assembled.
Present His Excellency the President
The Hon. John McClary, Nathaniel Peabody, Matthew Thornton, Joshua Wentworth, Ebenezer Webster Esquires, Francis
* 2 : 46 Worcester, Moses Chase and * George Atkinson.

A Vote to hear the petition of Richard-Cutts Shannon, Esqr and Others, a Committee of the proprietors of Cockermouth, on the Second Thursday of next Session, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to allow the Widow Hannah Peabody, depreciation of wages for the Service of her late Husband Col. Stephen Peabody, at Rhode Island, in the year 1778, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to pay Capt Peter Drowne, Depreciation of wages for himself and Subalterns, for their Service at Rhode Island, in the year 1778, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote to allow Mr Woodbury Langdon, four pounds four Shillings ; Mr Joseph Badger, four pounds, four shillings ; and Mr Francis Blood five pounds nine Shillings ; for their Service in attending this Session, to Qualify the Members of this Court by administering the Oaths, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote appointing Capt Thomas Martin, in the room of Woodbury Langdon, Esqr (who had declined to accept) one of the Committee to Confer with the General-Court of Massachusetts, on the subject matter of commerce, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to consider of the Petition of Francis Borland, and others ; the petition of William Pearne, and the petition of Jonathan Warner Esqr and Others ; and report thereon ; was brought up, read and Concurred ; Mr Atkinson and Mr Wentworth were joined.

A Vote to hear the petition of John Smith, on the Second Thursday of next session, was brought up, read and Concurred.

Adjourned till tomorrow eight o'clock A. M.

* 2 : 47 *[TUESDAY,] JUNE 14, 1785.

The Senate assembled
Present as Yesterday.
With the addition of Mr Gilman, Mr Baker and Mr Wentworth.

A Vote to hear the Petition of Major John Young, on the second friday of next Session, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to consider of the Petition of Samuel Cutts, Esqr and report thereon, was brought up, read and Concurred ; M^r McClary and Mr Webster were joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to consider of the Petition of William Simpson, and report thereon, was brought up read and Concurred ; Mr Atkinson, and Mr Thornton, were joined.

A Vote to hear the petition of Elisha Reed, and Others, inhabitants of Cornish and Plainfield, in the afternoon of this day, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to pay the Selectmen of Packerfield, twenty two Pounds eight Shillings and three Pence, for taxes on the Confiscated estate of Breed Batcheldor, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to draught the bills reported Necessary by the Committee and lay the same before the Court, was brought up, read and Concurred ; Mr Joshua Wentworth, Mr Gilman and Mr John Wentworth were joined.

A Vote to allow Thomas Pratt, (who was wounded at the battle of Bunker Hill) Fifteen Shillings per month * from the time his pay as a Soldier ceased, until further Order of the General Court, was brought up, read and Concurred. * 2 : 48

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to Consider of the Petition of Phebe Colburne, and report thereon, was brought up, read and Concurred ; Mr Wentworth and Mr Gilman were joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to examine how far the Committee on settleing the Accompts between this and the United States, have proceeded, and make report, was brought up, read and Concurred ; Mr Joshua Wentworth, Mr Baker, and Mr Peabody were joined.

A Vote to pay the town of Bedford, the wages of Robert Jones, and John George, for their Services as Soldiers at Cohes, in the year 1782, was brought up, read and Concurred.

Adjourned 'till tomorrow, nine o'clock, A. M.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15th 1785.

The Senate assembled.
Present as Yesterday.

A Vote to Grant the prayer of the petition of Thomas Pinkham, and giving him leave to bring in a bill accordingly, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to Consider of the Petition of Elihu Stevens, and Others, and report thereon, was brought up, read and Concurred; Mr Chase and Mr Atkinson were joined.

A Vote that Joseph Gilman, Nathaniel Peabody, and John Parker, Esq'rs, a Committee appointed to devise proper Checks for Impressing new blank Notes to redeem the State Securities; also, to devise proper Checks for Impressing blank Certificates to be used for the payment of Interest due on said notes, was sent down for Concurrence, by Mr Webster.

* 2 : 49 * A Vote on the petition of Benjamin Jaquish, (who prayed to be restored to his Law in a Certain Case, was brought up, read and non-concurred.

A Vote to postpone the Consideration of the Petition of Ebenezer Torrey, until the Second Wednesday of next Session of the General Court, was brought up, read and Concurred.

Adjourned 'till tomorrow nine o'clock, A. M.

THURSDAY, June 16th 1785.

The Senate assembled.
Present as Yesterday, Except Mr Baker

An Act to repeal an Act passed the 29th of November 1777, to prevent the transfer of real Estates belonging to persons inimical to the United States, so far as said Act respects the power of attorney, given by Peter Levius Esqr to Woodbury Langdon Esqr having been read a third time, it was voted that the same be enacted.

An Act to impower Thomas Bartlett, Esqr of Nottingham, guardian to Ebenezer Cotton, and Ezekiel Fisk, minors, heirs of Ebenezer Fisk, late of Epping, *physican* deceased, intestate, to make and Execute a good and Lawful deed of sale, of Certain lands lying in Epping and Brintwood, having been read a third time, it was voted that the same be enacted.

A Vote that the resolve authorizing Justices of the Peace to administer the Oaths, agreeable to constitution, to military Officers, &c. be immediately printed, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to allow Thomas Green (who was wounded at Bunker Hill) eighteen Shillings per month, 'till further order of the
* 2 : 50 General Court was brought up, read * and Concurred.

A Vote to pay Capt Nathan Sanborn, who was wounded at Behmus-Heights, twenty Shillings per month, until further Order of the General Court, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to allow Sarah Kimball, widow of Benjamin Kimball, late

a Captain in the New Hampshire line, who was killed by accident, the half pay of a Captain for Seven years, was brought up, read and Concurred.

Adjourned till to-morrow nine o'clock, A. M.

FRIDAY, JUNE 17th, 1785.

The Senate assembled.

Present as Yesterday — With addition of Mr Baker

A Vote to postpone the hearing of the Petition of Brigadier General Stark, to the Second Wednesday of next Session was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote containing Sundry regulations of the Militia was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to allow Jonathan Eastman, depreciation of wages for Six months Service of his Son Samuel Eastman, who died in the army, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to allow John Donaldson and Mary his wife, half pay, agreeable to the resolve of Congress, of the twenty fourth of August, 1780, for her late husband Richard Shortridge, who was a Captain in the New Hampshire line, and died in the army, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A vote to pay Reuben Spencer, a Soldier, his Accompt for expences in having his thigh amputated, Amounting * to Sixty eight pounds fourteen Shillings and one Penny, was brought up, read and Concurred. * 2 : 51

An Act directing and regulating the appointment and Choice of Petit Jurors, having been read a third time, it was voted that the Same be enacted.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to draught and lay before the Court, a bill for punishing horse thieves, was brought up, read and Concurred; Mr Peabody and Mr John Wentworth were joined.

A Vote to allow Peter Akerman, a Soldier wounded at the battle of Behmus Heights, in 1777, twenty Shillings per month, from the time his pay Ceased as a Soldier, until further Order of the General Court, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to pay Gowen Armour, a Sum for depreciation of money lent by him to the State, which he lost by having his note renewed (as per Scale) was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to pay Joseph Kimball, a Sum (as per Scale) for depreciation of money lent the State, which he lost by renewing his note, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to pay Ebenezer Flagg, a Sum of money (as per Scale) for depreciation of Money lent the State, which accrued by his having his note renewed, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote giving leave for a bill to be brought in for setting up and Carrying on a lottery, to raise three hundred Pounds, for the purpose of building a bridge over Sugar River, in the town of Claremont, in the County of Cheshire, was brought up, read and Concurred.

*2 : 52 *A Vote to allow Thomas Haines, a Soldier wounded in the Army, twenty four Shillings per month, until further Order of the General Court, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote giving particular directions to the Naval Officer, respecting the Ship of his most Christian Majesty now in this harbour, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to consider of the regulations for the Order and discipline of the Militia, presented by Major General Sullivan, was brought up, read and Concurred; Mr Peabody and Mr Webster were joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to Consider of the Accompt of the Selectmen of Portsmouth and report thereon, was brought up, read and Concurred. Mr Worcester, Mr Baker and Mr John Wentworth were joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to Consider of the petition of Joshua Young, and report thereon was brought up, read and Concurred: Mr Worcester and Mr. Gilman were joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to Consider of the Accompts of John Peirce, Mark H. Wentworth, Richard Hart, Jonathan Warner, and report thereon, was brought up, read and Concurred; Mr Peabody, Mr Thornton, and Mr Joshua Wentworth were joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate to Consider of the report of the Committee chosen at the last Session to Settle the Treasurer's Accompt, and report thereon, was brought up, read and Concurred; Mr Joshua Wentworth and Mr Baker were joined.

*2 : 53 *A Vote to pay the Accompt of John McClary, Esqr for a journey to Concord, &c. to administer Oaths to Officers, &c. amounting to thirty-one Shillings and four pence, was brought up, read and Concurred.

On Motion, *Voted.* That the Owners of Portsmouth Library (so called) have leave to deposit the books belonging to said Library, with the Cases that contain them, in the Senate Chamber, in such part or parts as shall be most Convenient, and the least incommode the room.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to Consider what business is yet necessary to be done this Session, when the Court shall adjourn; and to what time and Place they shall adjourn to, and what allowance shall be made the members of Court &c. this Session, for their time & travel, was brought up, read and Concurred; Mr Peabody Mr Worcester, and Mr Joshua Wentworth were joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to consider of the accompt of Enoch Barker, and report thereon, was brought up, read and Concurred; Mr Peabody and Mr Chase were joined.

A Vote to pay Alexander Parkman, thirty Shillings, for his journey to notify Col. Thornton and Major Bellows of their appointment as Senators, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A vote to hear the Petition of Benjamin Trip, on the Second Friday of their next Session, was brought up, read and Concurred.

Adjourned 'till tomorrow, nine o'clock, A. M.

SATURDAY, June 18, 1785.

The Senate assembled.

Present as yesterday

*A Vote to accept the report of the Committee appointed * 2 : 54
to Consider the report of the Committee on the Treasurer's Accompt, and for appointing a Committee to Carry said report into Execution, was brought up, read and Concurred; Mr Joshua Wentworth and Mr Gilman were joined.

A Vote on the petition for repairing Newmarket bridge, was brought up, read, and non concurred.

A Vote to pay Joseph Leigh (late Commissary and Sub-Clothier for this State, in the army, Seventy one pounds Seventeen Shillings, for depreciation of his wages in the year 1780, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to consider of the Petition of Daniel Gookwin, and all Similar matters, was brought up, read and Concurred; Mr Thornton and Mr Joshua Wentworth were joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to Consider of the Petition of John Prentice, and Archibald McMurphy Esq'rs, in behalf of the town of Londonderry, was brought up, read and Concurred; Mr Atkinson and Mr Baker were joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate to Consider of a bill presented for giving and granting to the United

States in Congress assembled, full power to regulate Commerce, was brought up, read and Concurred; Mr Atkinson, Mr Gilman and Mr Wentworth were joined

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to Consider of the petition of the Selectmen of New Ipswich, and report thereon, was brought up, read and Concurred; Mr Peabody, Mr Baker, and Mr. Webster, were joined.

A Vote to hear the petition of the Selectmen of Warren, on the Second Wednesday of next Session, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A vote to pay Capt. Abraham Burnham, three pounds
2:55 twelve Shillings, for a journey to Plymouth, to notify Mr Worcester of his appointment as a Senator, was brought up, read and Concurred.

Adjourned 'till Monday next, three o'clock, P. M.

MONDAY, June 20th, 1785.

Met according to adjournment.

Present His Excellency John Langdon, Esqr President. The Hon. John McClary, Joseph Gilman, George Atkinson, Nathaniel Peabody, Joshua Wentworth, Otis Baker, Matthew Thornton, Ebenezer Webster, Moses Chase, and Francis Worcester, Esquires.

A Vote to pay Samuel Cutts, Esqr forty five pounds, in full of all demands, and deductions that have been made in his Accompt in former settlements, was brought up, read and Concurred.

Adjourned 'till tomorrow eight o'clock, A. M.

TUESDAY, June 21, 1785.

The Senate assembled.

Present as yesterday.

An Act for the admeasurement of Board, and for regulating the tale of Shingles, Clapboards, Hoops, and Staves, and for Other purposes therein mentioned, having been read a third time it was voted that the Same be enacted.

An act for restoring James Saunders to his law was read a third time, it was voted that the Same be nonconcurred.

In Senate, June 21, 1785.

*2:56 * *Voted,* That Mr. Gilman Mr Atkinson, and Mr Joshua Wentworth, with such as the Honorable House shall join, be a Committee to report what period shall be affixed, beyond which,

no demands which are now due, and which are properly a Continental Charge, will be allowed, was sent down for Concurrence, by Mr Chase; and brought up, concurred.

In Senate June 21, 1785.

Voted, That Mr Thornton, Mr Atkinson, and Mr Joshua Wentworth, with such of the Honorable House as they shall join, be a Committee to consider of, and report some Speedy and effectual method for the revision of the laws of this State, was Sent down for Concurrence, by Mr Peabody, and brought up Concurred.

A Vote to hear the petition of John Betton, and David Patterson, on the first friday of next Session, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to consider of, and report on the petition of Joseph Taylor, was brought up, read and Concurred: Mr McClary and Mr Worcester joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to Consider of the petition of Capt Titus Salter, and report thereon, was brought up, read and Concurred; Mr Baker and Mr Peabody were joined.

A Vote to hear the petition of Henry Kennistone, on the Second Wednesday of next Session, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A vote to accept the report of the Committee on the petition of the Selectmen of Cornish, which report was, that one eigth part of all the State taxes, from 1780, to 1784, inclusively, should be abated, except one small Tax in 1781, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote Ordering a deduction out of the rum tax, for 1781, in favor of Lemster, Croyden, and Marlow, was brought up, read and non-concurred.

A Vote appointing Major George Gains, Sealer of weights and measures, for this State, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote accepting the report of the Committee on the petition of Benjamin Dole, was brought up, read and Concurred.

*A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to Consider of the petition of Col. Hobart, and to report thereon, was brought up, read and Concurred; Mr Thornton and M Joshua Wentworth were joined. * 2 : 57

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to Consider of the pay roll of M. Bell, Commandant of the Fort at New-Castle, also, the Accompt of Benjamin Biggelow, and report thereon, was brought up, read and Concurred; Mr Baker and Mr Peabody were joined.

An Act regulating Pilotage in the port of Piscataqua, was read a

third time, and voted that it pass to be enacted; which was sent down for Concurrence, by Mr Chase and Mr Baker.

A Vote to pay the Accompt of Josiah Gilman Esqr amounting to eighty seven pounds Six Shillings, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote appointing the Hon. Woodbury Langdon, Esqr a delegate to Congress, for the term of one year, from and after the first Monday in November, next, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote appointing the Hon. Peirse Long Esqr a delegate to Congress, for the term of one year, from and after the first Monday in November next, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote appointing the Hon. Nathaniel Peabody, Esqr a delegate to congress, for the term of one year, from and after the first Monday in November next, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote appointing the Hon. George Atkinson Esqr a delegate to Congress, for the term of one year, from and after the first Monday in November next, was brought up, read and Concurred.

Adjourned 'till tomorrow, eight o'clock, A. M.

WEDNESDAY, June 22, 1785.

Present as Yesterday.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to nominate to this house, three proper persons, out of whom
* 2 : 58 for one to be * appointed a Surveyor, agreeable to a recommendation of Congress, was brought up, read and Concurred: Mr Thornton, Mr Atkinson and M Gilman were joine

A Vote to accept the report of a Committee on the petition of Daniel Rand and Jedediah Sanger, re[s]toring the regiment now Called twenty three to its former rank, and be hereafter called and known by number twelve; and that the regiment now called number twelve, be hereafter called and known by number twenty three, and to continue 'till some future arrangement be made, was brought up read and Concurred.

A Vote to hear the petition of J. Whipple in behalf of E. Buckman, on the Second Wednesday of next Session, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote that Major Pickering and Major Kimbal, be added to the Committee on the Accompt of Enoch Barker, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to consider of the Accompt of Melcher and Osborne, and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred; Mr Gilman and Mr Wentworth, joined.

A Vote to pay the Accompt of Jeremiah Libby, amounting to nine Shillings and eight pence, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to pay the Accompt of Josiah Bartlet, John Calfe and John Parker, Esq^rs, amounting to fourteen pounds fifteen Shillings, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote that the treasurer be directed to pay to the persons named in an abstract, the Sums set against each of their names amounting in the whole, to thirty nine pounds ten Shillings new emission, and four hundred and eighty Six pounds ten shillings and eight pence, in Specie; and that the president give order accordingly, was brought up, read and Concurred.

*A Vote to pay the accompt of the Hon. E. Thompson Esqr amounting to fifteen pounds Eighteen shillings, was brought up, read and Concurred. *2:59

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to consider of the Petition of Amos Hagar, and report thereon, was brought up, read and Concurred; Mr Gilman and Mr Atkinson were joined.

A Vote to pay the Accompt of George Gains Esqr amounting to thirteen pounds thirteen Shillings, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to hear the petition of Ephraim Pickering, Esqr in behalf of John Pickering, jun^r on the Second Wednesday of their next Session, was brought up, read and Concurred.

In Senate, June 22, 1785.

Resolved, That all notes which shall be issued by the Treasurer, from and after the 31st day of July next shall bear that date; and that all notes which shall be issued in favor of any invalid pensioner shall be in the form prescribed by the act passed the 24th day of February last, entitled An Act for paying the Interest and part of the principal of public Securities, &c. And the Treasurer is hereby further directed, that on his receiving any Order from the President, for depreciation of wages due to officers widows, he shall issue a certificate for twenty Seven and three Quarters, per Centum, of each such Order, and a note for the remainder, also a Certificate for the Interest as usual; which resolve was sent down for Concurrence, by Mr Webster, and brought up concurred.

In Senate June 22nd 1785.

* *Voted*, That the Committee for revising the laws, be desired to prepare a navigation Act, and present the Same *2:60

to the Senate or house tomorrow eight o'clock; which vote was sent down for concurrence.

A Vote to pay the Hon. Samuel Livermore Esqr, amounting to Nineteen pounds fourteen Shillings, for revising the Laws &c. was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to pay the Accompt of John Calfe, Esqr amounting to four pounds ten Shillings, for recording the journals of the house, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote to receive and accept the report of the Committee on the accompt of the Selectmen of Portsmouth, amounting to one Hundred and Seventeen Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Six pence farthing, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to pay the Accompt of the Hon. Josiah Bartlett, Esqr amounting to ten pounds two shillings, for revising the laws, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to pay the Accompt of Lieut. Meshech Bell, amounting to fifty Shillings, for wood for the use of the fort, was brought up, read and Concurred

Adjourned 'till tomorrow eight o'clock, A. M.

THURSDAY, June 23, 1785.

Met according to adjournment.
Present as Yesterday.

An Act for the better Observation and keeping the Lord's Day, was read a third time, and it was voted that the same be enacted.

An act permitting a lottery to raise money for the purpose
* 2:61 of erecting a bridge over Sugar River, in Claremont, * was read a third time, and it was voted that the same be Enacted.

A Vote to pay Nathaniel Adams, Esqr three pounds eighteen shillings, the amount of his Accompt for engrossing Acts was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to hear the petition of Samuel Baley, on the Second Thursday of their next Session, was brought up, read and Conc^{d}

A Vote to pay Robert Gerrish, one hundred and Six pounds the amount of his accompt for printing, to June 18, 1785, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to pay Melcher and Osborne, ninety one pounds one shilling, the amount of their Account for printing to June 10, 1785, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote appointing a Committee to examine every Accompt, contract, or demand, between this State and Col. Samuel Hobart, and to

report to the General Court at their next Session, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to pay Michael Whidden, eight pounds eight Shillings for providing a dinner, &c. was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote that the members of the Senate, have and receive out of the treasury, Six Shillings per day, for attendance, and four pence per mile, for travel to and from home ; that the members of the house of Representatives, have the same travel as the members of the Senate, and Six Shillings per day for their attendance, for which last sum, each member may give the Constable of the town he represents, an Order on the Treasurer, which order shall be received at the treasury towards the tax of the town or districts each member represents, and the treasurer is directed to Charge such order * to such town * 2 : 62 or district in the next tax Bill, that the Secretary have nine shillings per day, and allowance for travel as members; that the clerk have nine shillings per day, and allowance for travel as a member ; that the assistant Clerk have eighteen pence over his pay as a member, was brought up read and Concurred.

A Vote to pay the Accompt of Benjamin Biggelow, amounting to forty-eight pounds five shillings and five pence half pence, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to pay the roll of Lieut Meshach Bell, amounting to ninety five pounds six shillings and eight pence, was brought up, read and concurred.

An Act to vest the United States in Congress assembled, with full power to regulate trade, and enter into treaties of commerce, was read a third time, and it was voted, that the same be enacted.

A Vote to accept the report of the Committee on the Account of Messieurs Thomas Martin, John Peirce and Joseph Peirce, that there be allowed and paid to them, the sum of one hundred and ninety two pounds, in full of said Accompt was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote that Mark H. Wentworth Esqr have and receive the sum of four hundred pounds, towards what is due to him on Accompt presented to the General Court against the State, was brought up, read and concurred.

An Act for the regulation of Navigation and Commerce, was read a third time, and it was voted that the same be enacted.

An act to regulate Flax seed, Potash and Pearl ash, for exportation, was read a third time, and it was voted, that the same be enacted.

* A Vote appointing the last thursday in November next to * 2 : 63 be observed as a day of General Thanksgiving, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A resolve suspending an Act now in force, laying an Impost on certain Goods, &c. was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote Impowering George Gains Esqr to provide necessaries for the light-house, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote accepting the report of a Committee on the Petition of Capt Titus Salter, that on his returning the Orders drawn on the Treasurer (by the late Committee of Safety in his favor) into the Secretary's office, that the President be desired to draw an Order or orders on the treasurer, to the Amount of the Order so drawn; also, that the President draw on the treasurer for the balance due on those pay rolls for his Company, which have been paid by him, and for which he has not received Orders; and that he receive Interest for the sums due; and that the President give order accordingly, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote that the Commissary General be directed to deliver to Col. Joseph Whipple, fifty pounds weight of powder from the magazine in Portsmouth, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to accept the report of a Committee on the Accompt of Enoch Barker; that it be referred to the honorable Superior Court, and that they be impowered to direct so much of said Accompt as may appear reasonable, to be paid out of the fines and forfeitures arising in the County of Cheshire was brought up, read and Concurred.

In Senate, June 23, 1785.

Voted, that a Captain be appointed to take the Command of Fort William and Mary, and that he inlist Six good and effective
* 2 : 64 men to serve under him; that the Captain * have Six pound per month, the Soldiers forty Shillings per month, each, with an addition of forty Shillings per month, to the men who take Care of the light house; the pay to Commence from the date of the Captain's Commission; the Soldiers, from the time of their muster; which vote was sent down for oncurrence by Mr Wentworth.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to procure Six hundred printed copies of the Rev. Mr Belknap's Election Sermon, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote impowering his excellency, with advice of Council, to draw orders on the treasurer, in case of exigencies, for any sum or sums, the whole amount not exceeding one hundred pounds, was brought up, read and Concurred

A resolve repealing a Vote or resolve of the General Court, of the twenty Second of february last, respecting the mode of discipline for the militia of this State, and establishing the regulations con-

tained in a book, entitled, Regulations for the orders of discipline of the troops of Newhampshire, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote that Joseph Pearson Esqr have and receive out of the treasurer, fifty pounds, for which he is to be accountable, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote that all persons having demands on the Treasury, which are properly a Continental Charge, have notice in the New Hampshire Gazette, to exhibit the same before the last day of next Session of the General Court, as none can be allowed after that time, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote that the Committee on Continental Accompts already impowered, be continued, with liberty to hire one or more Clerks; that said Committee be impowered to Settle all Accompts that may be necessary for the Settlement of Accompts with the United States, and Certify the same to the President and * Coun- * 2 : 65
cil; that said Committee be impowered to set a price to articles where no value is already affixed; that said Committee be fully impowered to settle and close the accompts between this and the United States, and where doubts arise, to apply to the President and Council for directions, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to pay the balance of the Accompt of Nicholas Nicolle amounting to fifty Seven Shillings, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote that Benjamin Biggelow, have and receive out of the treasury, thirty pounds, to be accounted for in furnishing rations to the Officers and Soldiers at Fort William and Mary, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to pay the accompt of John Williams, amounting to four pounds nineteen Shillings, for attendance on the General Court, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to pay David Brewster, eleven pounds, in full of his Accompt for repairing the State House, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote directing the treasurer and Committee on Claims to attend on the General Court at their next Session was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote that not more than two of the Members elected to represent this State in Congress, take a seat at the same time; and that the President, with advice of Council, be Impowered to draw an order on the treasurer, for any sum not exceeding one hundred and twenty pounds to each delegate that shall go forward to Congress, or for either of the delegates now at Congress, for which they are to be accountable, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote that when the business of this Session is fin-
2:66 ished, that his Excellency the President with advice of
Council, be desired to adjourn said Court, to meet at Concord on the third Wednesday in October next, at three o'clock in the afternoon, was brought up, read and Concurred.

The foregoing is a true Journal of the Senate at the Second Session of the General Court for the Year 1785.

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HON. JOHN SULLIVAN, Durham, *Speaker.*

JOHN CALFE, Hampstead, *Clerk.*

REV. SAMUEL HAVEN, D. D., Portsmouth, } *Chaplains.*
REV. JOSEPH BUCKMINSTER, " }

REV. JEREMY BELKNAP, D. D.,[1] Dover,
Preacher of the Election Sermon.

REPRESENTATIVES.

(From the official printed publication of the House Journal, p. 168.)

Portsmouth	George Gains, Esq. John Pickering, Esq. John Sparhawk, Esq.
Exeter	Josiah Gilman, Esq.
Londonderry	John Prentice, Esq. Archibald McMurphy, Esq.
Chester	Col. William White.
Newington	Ephraim Pickering, Esq.

[1] Biographical Sketch of Dr. Belknap, Farmer and Moore Hist. Coll. Vol. 1, p. 37.

Greenland	William Weeks, Esq.
Rye	Samuel Jenness, Esq.
North Hampton	Col. Moses Leavitt.
Hampton	Christopher Toppan, Esq.
Hampton Falls, Seabrook	Mr. Abner Sanborn.
Stratham	Mark Wiggin, Esq.
Kensington	Mr. Moses Shaw.
South Hampton, East Kingstown	Nathaniel Batcheldor, Esq.
Kingston	Capt. John Eastman.
Brintwood	Capt. Levi Morrill.
Epping	Mr. William Plummer.
Newmarket	Col. James Hill.
Nottingham	Col. Thomas Bartlett.
Deerfield	Mr. Moses Barnard.
Northwood, Epsom, Allentown	. . . . .
Chester, Pittsfield	. . . . .
Canterbury, Northfield	Mr. Charles Glidden.
Loudon	Nathan Batcheldor, Esq.
Concord	Peter Green, Esq.
Pembrook	Richard Bartlett, Esq.
Candia	Col. Nathaniel Emerson.
Raymond, Poplin	. . . . .
Hawke, Sandown	Thomas Page, Esq.
Hampstead	. . . .
Atkinson, Plastow	Joseph Welch, Esq.
Newton	. . . .
Salem	Mr. Caleb Dustin.
Wyndham	James Betton, Esq.
Pelham	Mr. Jacob Butler.
Dover	Col. John Waldron.
Durham	Hon. John Sullivan.
Somersworth	Major Jonathan Wentworth.
Rochester	James Knowles, Esq.
Barrington	Joshua Foss, Esq.

Sandborntown . . .	Capt. William Harper.
Gilmantown	Joseph Badger, Esq.
Lee	Dr. James Brackett.
Madbury	. . . .
Merrideth, New-Hampton	. . . .
Sandwich, Tamworth	David Gilman, Esq.
Moultonborough, Tuftonborough, Wolfborough, Ossippee-Gore . .	Mr. Reuben Libbey.
Barnstead, New Durham, New-Durham Gore . .	Thomas Tash, Esq.
Wakefield, Middleton, Effingham	. . . . .
Conway, Eaton, Burton, Location	Col. Andrew McMillan.
Nottingham-West . . .	Samuel Marsh, Esq.
Litchfield, Derryfield	. . . . .
Dunstable	Capt. Benjamin French.
Merrimack	Mr. Timothy Taylor.
Bedford	Mr. James Martin.
Goffstown	Robert McGregore, Esq.
Holles	Daniel Emerson, Esq.
Amherst	Mr. Robert Means.
Raby, Mason	Capt. Samuel Douglass.
New-Ipswich . . .	Mr. Ephraim Adams.
Duxbury, Mile Slip	. . . . .
Wilton	Col. Philip Putnam.
Lyndborough . . .	Capt. Levi Spaulding.
Temple, Peterborough Slip . .	Mr. Francis Cragin.
Peterborough, Societyland . . .	Mr. Matthew Wallace.

Hancock, Antrim Dearing	John Duncan Esq.
Hinneker Hillsborough	Mr. Robert Wallace.
New-Boston	. . . . .
Weare	Mr. Jonathan Dow.
Hopkinton	Mr. Benjamin Darling.
Dunbarton Bow	John Bryant, Esq.
Salisbury	Mr. Robert Smith.
Boscawen	George Jackman, Esq.
Fishersfield Sutton Warner	Mr. Matthew Harvey.
New-London Andover Gore	. . . . .
Charlestown	Mr. Elijah Grout.
Alstead	Col. Amos Shepherd.
Keene	Mr. Benjamin Hall.
Swanzey	Maj. Elisha Whitcomb.
Richmond	Mr. Jonathan Gaskill.
Jaffrey	Mr. John Gilmore.
Winchester	Capt. Simon Willard.
Westmoreland	Mr. Samuel Works.
Rindge	Mr. Edward Jewett.
Walpole	Capt. Levi Hooper.
Claremont	Capt. Benjamin Sumner.
Cornish Grantham	Mr. Nathan Young.
Newport Croydon	Mr. Stephen Powers.
Acworth Lempster Marlow	Mr. Elijah Frink.
Wendell Unity	. . . . .
Surry Gilsum	Capt. Lemuel Holmes.
Stoddard Washington	Capt. Jacob Copeland.
Dublin Packersfield	Samuel Griffin, Esq.

Marlborough	Mr. Alexander Parkman
Fitzwilliam	Mr. Samuel Kendall.
Plainfield	Maj. Joseph Kimball.
Protectworth, Hinsdale	. . . . .
Holderness, Campton, Thornton, Lincoln, Franconia	Noah Worcester, Esq.
Plymouth, Rumney, Wentworth	Capt. Abraham Burnham.
New-Chester, Alexandria, Cockermouth	. . . . .
Enfield, Canaan, Cardigan, Dorchester, Grafton	Mr. Ebenezer Hoyt.
Hannover	Mr. Russell Freeman.
Lebanon	Elisha Payne, Esq.
Lime, Orford	Col. William Simpson.
Haverhill, Piermont, Warren, Coventry	Moses Dow, Esq.
Bath, Lyman, Landaff, Concord, Littleton, Dalton	Major John Young.
La[n]caster, Northumberland, Stratford, Dartmouth, Piercy, Cockburne, Coleburn	Col. Joseph Whipple.

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HON.BL HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

OF THE

STATE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE,

Journal of the Proceedings of the Honbl House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire at the first Session of the Second House under the new Constitution, begun and holden at Portsmouth on the first Wednesday in June, being the first day of said month in the ninth year of the Independence of the United States of America, Anno Dom 1785.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 1785.

The members elected assembled at the State House in Portsmouth agreeably to appointment His Excellency Meshech Weare Esqr being absent, The Honbl Woodbury Langdon Esqr Senior Senator with the Honbl Council, administred the proper oaths agreeable to the Constitution, after which motion was made for the appointment of a Chairman and the Honbl John Pickering Esqr was chosen for that purpose.

Motion was then made for the choice of a Speaker and the ballots being taken it appeared that the Honbl John Sullivan Esqr is chosen Speaker of this House.

Voted, That Majr Gains, & Colo Toppan, be a Committee to make such provision as they judge necessary for the entertainment of the Revrnd Gentlemen of the Clergy who may this day attend at this place.

Voted, That service begin at eleven of clock to morrow morning and that the Committee be desired to give the Revr^nd^ Mr Belknap notice thereof.

The filling up the Senate postponed till to morrow.

Adjourned till eight of clock tomorrow morning.

THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 1785.

The House met according to adjournment.

Motion was made for the choice of a Clerk, and the ballots being taken and counted it appeared that John Calfe Esqr is chosen Clerk of this House.

Read the returns from the several towns and districts for the choice of Representatives for the present year.

Adjourned to four of clock P. M.

Met accordingly.

Voted, That the following rules be accepted for the regulation and government of this House.

1st That as it is essential to [the][1] public interest, so it shall be considered and enjoyned as the incumbent duty of each member of this House seasonably & punctually to attend in his place & not to absent himself without leave.

2nd That freedom of deliberation speech and debate in the House be alowed to each member thereof, yet if any member by misbehavior in speech or action in the House shall give just cause of offence to another he shall for the first offence be fined at the discretion of the House and for the second be admonished.

* 3rd That every member when he would make a motion, * 12 : 707
speak to a matter in debate, or for any other purpose whatever shall rise from his seat and address himself to the Speaker, but on his being called to order by the Speaker or any other member, he shall be silent, though if such silenced member shall think himself injured thereby, the Speaker shall take a vote of the House thereon, to whose decision such member shall submit on pain of displeasure.

4th That no member speak more than twice to a subject in debate, 'till each member if he pleases shall offer his opinion.

5th No motion shall be debated until the same shall be seconded.

6th When a motion is made and seconded if desired by any mem-

1. Insertions in brackets indicate a difference between the manuscript and printed copies.—ED.

ber it shall be reduced to writing before any debate shall be allowed thereon.

7th While a question is before the House, no motion shall be received unless to amend or commit the same or to postpone the consideration of the main question or for having the yeas & nays entered on the journal.

8th If a question in debate contain several points any member may have the same divided.

9th That no vote passed in the House shall be reconsidered by a number inferior to that present when it passed.

10th That if the House shall judge that any person returned as a member is not duly qualified to have a seat therein agreeably to the Constitution it shall at any time be in the power of such part of the House as are competent to pass a valid vote or resolve to dismiss such person giving notice to the Town or District from which he came to choose another in his stead.

11th That every member having been present to [at] a debate and the vote thereon being challenged or the yeas & nays being called for, shall be oblidged when called upon by the Speaker to vote on one side or other of the question, unless special reason be assigned the validity of which shall be determined by the House.

12th That no member Speaking by leave shall be interrupted by another but by rising to call to order or to correct a mistake.

13th That every bill offered to the House be read three times and that there be two adjournments before it pass to be enacted.

14th That no bill be sent to the Senate board without notice thereof being first given to the House by the Speaker and the title thereof being read.

15th That no member nominate more than one person for one Committee provided the person by him nominated shall be chosen.

16th That no member be on more than two Committees at the same time unles by his own consent and no member chosen on any Committee shall have liberty to nominate another person for the same Committee.

* 12:708 * 17th That no petition be received by the House but from a member thereof and on motion made for that purpose.

18th Every morning the minutes of the preceeding day shall be read in the House previous to their entering upon any new business.

19th That no person except members of the General Court shall be admitted above the bar of the House without permission of the Speaker or special invitation from some member of the House.

Took under consideration the returns from Bedford & Merrimac

also the returns from Fitz Willian & Marlborough, the three former were accepted the other to lay for consideration till to morrow morning.

The consideration of the objections against the member from New Boston postponed till to morrow morning.

The Honb[l] Senators elected by the people at large and the House met agreeably to the Constitution to fill up the vacancies in the Senate &c agreed to postpone the elections till tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.

The House then adjourned till eight of clock to morrow morning.

FRIDAY, JUNE 3 1785.

The House met according to adjournment.

Took under consideration the return from Marlborough which was to lay for consideration till this morning and after full consideration thereof, *Voted*, that the member returned by the Town of Marlborough be not admitted to a seat in this House.

John Pickering Esq[r] entered his protest against the proceedings of this House respecting the admission of the members from Bedford Merrimack & Fitz William & dismission of the member from Marlborough which protest is on file.

The objections against the members returned from New Boston was again taken under consideration but the member consenting to resign his seat, *Voted*, that the town of New Boston be notified thereof by the Clerk writing to the Selectmen informing them of his resignation & that the town may send another member if they see cause.

Voted, that M[r] Prentice, Col[o] Toppan & M[r] Dow, be a Committee to make enquiry relative to the choice of Senators for this State and report thereon.

* *Voted*, that the Honb[l] the Treasurer of this State be directed to attend the General Court at their present Session with such papers &c as may be necessary to transact public business. * 12 : 709

Sent up by Cap[t] Gilman

The Honb[l] Senate and House being again met to elect Senators & other necessary officers agreeably to the Constitution, by joint ballot made choice of the Honb[l] George Atkinson & the Honb[l] Nathanael Peabody Esq[r] Senators for the County of Rockingham, the Honb[l] Otis Baker Esq[r] for the County of Strafford, the Honb[l] Matthew Thornton & the Honb[l] Ebenezer Webster Esq[rs] for the County of Hillsborough, the Honb[l] John Bellows Esq[r] for the County of Cheshire and the Honb[l] Francis Worcester Esq[r] for the County of Grafton.

They then proceeded to the choice of a Secretary and by joint ballot made choice of the Honb^l Ebenezer Thompson Esqr Secretary for this State until another shall be appointed in his stead. They then proceeded to the choice of a Treasurer and by joint ballot made choice of the Honb^l John Taylor Gilman Treasurer for this State until another shall be appointed in his stead. They then proceeded to the choice of a Commissary General and by joint ballot made choice of the Honb^l Supply Clap Esqr Commissary General until another shall be appointed in his stead. The Senate then withdrew and the House proceeded on business.

Voted, that Mr Pickering, Col^o Toppan and Col^o Gilman with such of the Honb^l Senate as they shall join be a Committee to wait upon the Revd Mr Belknap and return him the thanks of the General Court for the very ingenious [sermon] delivered yesterday and request a Copy for the press. Sent up by Col^o Toppan.

Adjourned to three o'clock P. M.

Met accordingly.

On motion made for the choice of an assistant clerk, *Voted*, that M Moses Shaw be assistant Clerk of this House.

Voted, that Maj^r Gains, Col^o Leavitt, Col^o Bartlett, Col^o Shephard and Col^o Waldron, with such of the Honb^l Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider what standard or banners will be most proper for the respective regiments within this State and report thereon. Sent up by Col^o Simpson.

Voted, that Maj^r Gains, Mr Jon^a Dow, & Maj^r Pickering with such of the Honb^l Senate as they shall join be a Committee to call on George Jaffrys Esqr and receive from him the weights & measures which were formerly used as a standard of weights and measures for the late province now State of New Hampshire.

Sent up by Col^o Simpson.

*12:710 **Voted*, that Capt Francis Matthews returned as a member to represent the towns of Wakefield, Middleton, & Effingham not being chosen agreeably to the constitution be not admitted to a seat in this House.

The Honb^l Senate and House being again met, proceeded to open the returns from the several towns within this State for a President and after forming a list of the same agreed to adjourn to ten of clock tomorrow morning, and the House proceeded on business.

Voted, that Col^o Toppan, Col^o Waldron, Mr Duncan, Capt Holmes, and Col^o Payne with such of the Honb^l Senate as they shall join be a Committee to examine and cast the return of the votes for a President and report thereon to this House as soon as may be.

Sent up by Col^o Simpson.

Voted, that the hearing on the Petition of Charity Lund which was to have been this day before the General Court be postponed to the first Friday of their next Session of which all persons concerned are to take notice & govern themselves accordingly.

Sent up by Col°. Waldron.

Voted, that Col° Payne, Col° Putnam, & Col° Dow with such of the Honb^l Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of the Petition of Joshua Young and report thereon.

Sent up by Maj^r Young.

Voted, that Mr Gilman, Col° Bartlett, Mr Marsh, Mr Grout, and Mr Macgregore with such of the Honb^l Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of the Petition of Capt James Gray and all similar matters and report thereon. Sent up by Mr Freeman.

Adjourned to nine of clock to morrow morning.

SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 1785.

The House met according to adjournment.

Voted, that the Selectmen of Middleton be notified that the district of Wakefield, Effingham & Middleton is unrepresented in this House and that they may proceed to call a Meeting giving legal notice to the Inhabitants of said District qualified to vote for a representative to elect a person to represent them in the General Court.

Voted, that the Selectmen of Portsmouth be notified that the seat of a member for that town has become vacant by the election of the Honb^l George Atkinson Esqr as a Senator and that they may proceed to call a meeting & make choice of a member to represent them in this House.

Voted, that the Selectmen of Atkinson be notified that the seat of a member for the District of Atkinson & Plaistow has become * vacant by the election of the Honb^l Nathanael Peabody Esqr as a Senator and that they may proceed to call a meeting of said district & make choice of a member to represent them in this House. * 12 : 711

Upon reading and considering a Petition from a number of the Inhabitants of the parishes of Raymond and Poplin shewing that by mistake their meeting for the election of a representative in March last being illegally called prevented their choosing a representative. Therefore prayed that they might have liberty to call a meeting for that purpose, whereupon, *Voted*, that the Selectmen of Poplin be and they hereby are authorized to call a meeting giving legal notice to the inhabitants of said Poplin & Raymond to meet in said Poplin to elect a representative for said district.

The Senate and House being again met in the assembly Chamber for the election of officers agreeably to the constitution, after some conversation agreed to adjourn to Monday next at 3 o'clock P. M. The House then proceeded to business.

Voted, that Col° Bartlett, Mr Pickering, Col° Tash, Col° Waldron, Mr Duncan, Mr Means, Capt Sumner, Mr Hall, Mr Dow, & Col° Payne, with such of the Honb^l Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of the memorial of the Rev^nd Mr Belknap and report thereon. Sent up by Capt Foss.

Voted, that Mr J. Gilman, Mr Brackett, Mr Macgregore, Maj^r Whitcomb, & Col° Whipple, with such of the Honb^l Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of all Petitions from sick and wounded officers & soldiers and report thereon.

Sent up by Capt Foss.

Voted, that Col° Bartlett, Col° Wiggin, Doct^r Brackett, Col° Gilman & Col° Toppan with such of the Honb^l Senate as may be joined be a Committee to consider of the Petition of a large number of the Inhabitants of this State praying that some measure may be devised for repairing New Market Bridge so called and report thereon.

Sent up by Maj^r Young.

Voted, that Mr Duncan, Mr J. Pickering, & Mr Adams, with such of the Honb^l Senate as they shall join be a Committee to prepare & lay before this House a bill for the better observation of the Lords day. Sent up by Col° Bartlett

Voted, that Col° Bartlett, Genl Sullivan, Col° Putnam, Col° Shephard Col° Dow, Mr Green, Col° Waldron, Capt Marsh, Maj^r Whitcomb, and Col° Whipple with such of the Honb^l Senate
* 12 : 712 as they shall join be a * Committee to brigade the several Regiments of Militia in this State and report thereon.

Sent up by Col° Bartlett.

The Committee to examine & cast the returns of the votes for a President, reported that the whole number of Votes, was seven thousand and seventy-nine, That two thousand seven hundred & fifty five are for George Atkinson Esqr, That two thousand four hundred & ninety-seven are for John Langdon Esqr That there is seven hundred & seventy-seven for Genl John Sullivan and seven hundred and twenty for Josiah Bartlett Esqr the remaining three hundred & thirty are for several persons.

Adjourned to Monday next at three of clock P. M.

MONDAY, June 6, 1785.

The House met according to adjournment.

Voted, that Col° Payne, Col° Gilman, Col° Toppan, Col° Waldron;

& Maj^{r} Whitcomb with such of the Hon^{b} Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of the Petition of John Pickering Esq^{rs} [1] in behalf of Elisha Reed and others, Inhabitants of Plainfield & Cornish and report thereon. Sent up by Col^{o} White

Voted, that Col^{o} Gilman, Mr M. Dow, Col^{o} Wiggin, Mr Betton, & Maj^{r} Gains with such of the Hon^{b} Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of the Petition of the Hon^{b} Woodbury Langdon Esqr and report thereon. Sent up by Col^{o} White.

Voted, that Mr Emerson, Mr Betton, & Mr Knowles, with such of the Hon^{b} Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of the Petition of Benjamin Baxter and report thereon.

Sent up by Col^{o} White.

Upon reading and considering the Petition of Jonathan Warner, Esqr Jonathan Shillaber, & Benjamin Miller, *Voted*, that the Petitioners be heard thereon before the General Court on Wednesday the fifteenth day of June Current and that in the mean time the Petitioners cause that the Selectmen of Newington be served with a Copy of the Petition and order of Court thereon that they may then appear and shew cause (if any they have) why the prayer thereof may not be granted. Sent up by Col^{o} White.

Voted, that Capt French, Capt Morrill, & Mr J. Gilman with such of the Hon^{b} Senate as they shall join be a Committee to
* consider of the Petition of the Selectmen of Bedford [2] & * 12 : 713
report thereon. Sent up by Col^{o} White.

Upon reading and considering the Petition of Micah Reed [3] praying that the privilege of a ferry may be confirmed to him, his heirs & assigns across the river Conecticut against his dwelling house, *Voted*, that the Petitioner be heard thereon before the General Court on the second Tuesday of their next Session & that in the mean time the Petitioner cause that the substance of the Petition and order of Court thereon be published three weeks successively in the New Hampshire Gazzette and also cause that a Copy of said Petition and order thereon be posted up in some public place in the town of Westmoreland three weeks successively before the day of hearing that any person or persons may then appear and shew cause (if any they have) why the prayer thereof may not be granted.

Sent up by Col^{o} White.

Voted, that Mr Pickering, Col^{o} Payne, & Col^{o} Bartlett, with such of the Hon^{b} Senate as they shall join be a Committee to wait on the Hon^{b} John Langdon, & Christopher Toppan, Esquires, a Committee appointed by the General Court at their last Session and inform them that it is the desire of said Court that they proceed as soon as

1. xiii. Ham. Town Papers, 204. 2. xi. Ham. Town Papers, 186. 3. xiii. Ham. Town Papers, 670.

conveniently may be on the business pointed out in a Resolve of the twenty-third of February 1785. Sent up by Maj^r Wentworth.

Voted, that Col^o Toppan, Col^o Badger, Mr Wallace, Mr Frink, & Col^o Simpson, with such of the Honb^l Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of the Petition of the Selectmen of Cornish and all similar matters and report thereon.

Sent up by Maj^r Wentworth.

Voted, that Mr Pickering, Col^o Payne, & Mr. Prentice, with such of the Honb^l Senate as they shall join be a Committee to take under their consideration an Act of this State passed June 12th 1784, entitled an Act to establish an equitable method of making rates & taxes &c and report such alterations or amendments as they may judge necessary. Sent up by Maj^r Wentworth.

Voted, that Mr Emerson, Col^o Leavitt, Mr Macgregore, Capt Holmes & Col^o Tash, with such of the Honb^l Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of the Petition of Benjamin Dole,[1] also the Petition of Joel Russell & Mary Russell[2] and all similar matters and report thereon. Sent up by Maj^r Wentworth.

* 12 : 714 * The Honb^l Senate and House being again met on the business of electing officers agreeable to the Constitution, after some Conversation thereon, agreed to adjourn till to morrow four o'clock in the afternoon.

The House then adjourned to 8 o'clock to morrow morning.

TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 1785.

The House met according to adjournment.

State of New Hampshire
Hillsborough ss.
Hancock May 3rd 1785

Your Committee appointed to fix on the place for building a Meeting House in said Hancock having been & viewed the ground and heard the pleas beg leave to report, That the place agreed on for the aforesaid purpose is on the plain at the south end of Norway pond (so called) there marked out and shewn to the inhabitants, which is submitted. Signed, John Duncan, Levi Simpson, J. Young, which report being read and considered, *Voted*, that it be received and accepted.

Voted, that Genl Sullivan, Col^o Dow, Mr Prentice, Col^o Waldron, & Col^o Bartlett, with such of the Honb^l Senate as they shall join be a Committee to revise the Militia Law of this State and report such alterations & amendments as they shall judge necessary.

Sent up by Col^o Whipple.

1. xii. Ham. Town Papers, 298. 2. xiii. Ham. Town Papers, 330.

Voted, that Mr J. Pickering, Colo Waldron, Mr Means, Majr Whitcomb, Colo Dow, Colo Toppan, Mr Knowles, Capt French, Capt Sumner, & Colo Payne be a Committee to enquire into the conduct of the Council the past year and report the result of their enquiry to this House as soon as may be.

Voted, that Mr Duncan, Majr Kimball, & Mr Betton, with such of the Honbl Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of the Petition of Samuel Jones and report thereon.

Sent up by Colo Whipple.

Voted, that Mr J. Gilman, Capt Holmes, & Colo Gilman, with such of the Honbl Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of the Petition of Jonathan Eastman of Walpole and report thereon.

Sent up by Colo Whipple.

Voted, that Colo Leavitt, Colo Tash, Mr Jackman, Capt Holmes, & Colo Whipple, with such of the Honbl Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of the Petition of Moses Dow Esqr and others in behalf of sundry towns in the Counties of Grafton & Cheshire & report thereon. Sent up by Colo Whipple.

* *Voted*, that Genl Sullivan, Colo Dow, Mr Prentice, * 12 : 715
Colo Waldron, and Colo Bartlett, with such of the Honbl Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of the proper measures for forming and arranging the alarm list in this State. The method of appointing officers for that body, To whom they are to make returns & by whom to be commanded when in the field and report thereon. Sent up by Mr Green.

Voted, that Colo Bartlett, Genl Sullivan, Colo Putnam, Colo Shephard, Colo Dow, Mr Green, Colo Waldron, Capt Marsh, Majr Whitcomb & Colo Whipple with such of the Honbl Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of the Petition of Daniel Rand & Jedediah Sangor & report thereon. Sent up by Mr Green.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock P. M.

Met accordingly.

The Speaker being absent, motion was made for the choice of a Speaker Protempore and Christopher Toppan Esqr was chosen for that purpose.

Voted, that Colo Bartlett, Majr Wentworth, Mr Hall, Capt Eastman, & Colo Wiggin, with such of the Honbl Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of the Petition of Capt Ezekiel Worthen and all similar matters and report thereon.

Sent up by Colo Tash.

Voted, that the Honbl John McDuffee, Esqr have and receive out of the Treasury by order of the President the sum of eight pounds eight shillings in full for his service as a Special Justice of the Superior Court. Sent up by Colo Tash.

Voted, that the hearing on the Petition of Col° Jon^a Chase which was to have been this day before the General Court be postponed to Thursday next of which all concerned are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly. Sent up by Col° Tash.

Voted, that the hearing on the Petition of Thomas Pinkham, which was to have been this day before the General Court be postponed to Tuesday next of which all persons concerned are to take notice & govern themselves accordingly.

Sent up by Col° Tash.

Voted, that the account of John Duncan Esqr amounting to one pound four shillings be allowed and paid out of the Treasury by order of the President. Sent up by Col° Tash.

* 12 : 716 * *Voted*, that Col° Payne, Col° Dow, Mr J. Pickering, Mr Green, & Mr Prentice, with such of the Honb^l Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consult with the Honb^l Committee appointed to revise the Laws of this State, respecting that business. Sent up by Col° Tash.

Voted, that the ballance of the account of James Betton Esqr amounting to three pounds five shillings and two pence be allowed and paid out of the Treasury by order of the President.

Sent up by Col° Tash.

The Honb^l Senate and House being again met on the business of electing officers agreeable to the Constitution, agreed to a further adjournment till to morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Voted, that the hearing on the Petition of the Selectmen of Merrimac which was to have been this day before the General Court be postponed to Thursday next of which all persons concerned are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Sent up by Capt Martin.

Adjourned to eight o'clock to morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8th 1785.

The House met according to adjournment.

Voted, that Mr Adams, Col° Bartlett, & Mr Green with such of the Honb^l Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of the Petition of Sarah Kimball and report thereon.

Sent up by Maj^r Pickering.

Upon reading and considering the Petition of the Selectmen of Dearing [1] praying for the priviledge of levying a Tax on the proprietors Lands for the purpose of building a Meeting house, *Voted*, that the Petitioners be heard thereon before the General Court on

[1] xi. Ham. Town Papers, 495.

the second Thursday of their next Session and that in the mean time the Petitioners cause that the substance of the Petition and order of court thereon be published three weeks successively in the New Hampshire Gazzette that any person or persons may then appear and shew cause if any they have why the prayer thereof should not be granted. Sent up by Maj^r Pickering.

Upon reading and considering the Petition of Seth Hadley, and Enos Knight,[1] in behalf of the inhabitants of Hancock praying for the power of levying a Tax for the purpose of building a House of Public Worship, *Voted*, that the Petitioners be heard thereon before the General Court * on the second Thursday of their next Session and that in the mean time they cause that the substance of the Petition and order of Court thereon be published three weeks successively in the New Hampshire Gazette that any person or persons may then appear & shew cause why the prayer thereof may not be granted. Sent up by Mr Plummer.

* 12 : 717

Voted, that Genl Sullivan, Col^o Dow, Mr Prentice, Col^o Waldron, and Col^o Bartlett, with such of the Honb^l Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of the number of light horseman necessary in this State, the method of raising and forming them, and of the proper arms and accoutrements for that Corps & report thereon. Sent up by Mr Jenness.

Voted, that Genl Sullivan, Col^o Dow, Mr Prentice, Col^o Waldron, and Col^o Bartlett, with such of the Honb^l Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of the necessity of forming and equipping a Regiment of Artillery in this State, and of the measures most proper for procuring the necessary apparatus for that Corps and report thereon. Sent up by Mr Jenness.

Upon reading and considering the Petition of Jonathan Mason praying for the priviledge of keeping a Ferry over Connecticut river at the town of Lyme, *Voted*, that the Petitioner be heard thereon before the General Court on the second Wednesday of their next Session and that in the mean time he cause that the Selectmen of Lyme and Orford be served with a copy of the Petition & order of Court thereon that they may then appear and shew cause if any they have why the prayer thereof may not be granted.

Sent up by Mr Jenness.

The House proceeded by ballot to the election of two out of four persons who had the highest number of votes in the State as Candidates for President agreeably to the Constitution, and elected the Honb^l John Langdon, Esqr & the Honb^l George Atkinson Esqr as candidates for that office. Sent up by Col^o Bartlett & Mr Prentice.

Voted, that the hearing on the Petition of David Courser which

[1] lxii. Ham. Town Papers, 156. (See also 155.)

was to have been this day before the General Court be postponed to the second Wednesday of the next Session of which all persons concerned are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Sent up by Mr Gilman.

Adjourned to three o'clock, P. M.

Met accordingly.

Upon reading and considering the Petition of Thomas Odiorne, Eliphalet Ladd, and J. T. Gilman in behalf of the New Parish in Exeter, *Voted*, that the Petitioners be heard thereon be-
* 12 : 718 fore the General Court * on the first Friday of their next Session and that in the mean time the Petitioners cause that the substance of the Petition and order of court thereon be published three weeks successively in the New Hampshire Gazette that any person or persons may then appear and shew cause if any they have why the prayer thereof may not be granted.

Sent up by Mr Gilman.

Voted, that Colo Wiggin, Majr Kimball, & Mr Smith with such of the Honbl Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of the account of the Selectmen of Packersfield and report thereon.

Sent up by Mr Gilman.

Voted, that Colo Gilman, Colo Toppan, Mr Betton, Mr J. Dow, & Mr J. Gilman, with such of the Honbl Senate as they shall join be a Committee to revise the table of fees and report to this House such alterations and amendments as they shall think necessary.

Sent up by Mr Gilman.

Voted, that the hearing on the Petitions of Wolfeborough & Middleton[1] James Saunders & H. Little, Nathl Foster, and Thomas Bartlett, which were to have been this day before the General Court be postponed till to morrow of which all persons concerned are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Sent up by Mr Gilman.

Voted, that the account of Edmund Quincy amounting to one pound seven shillings for paper delivered the Secretary for the use of the State be allowed and paid out of the Treasury by order of the President. Sent up by Mr Gilman.

Upon reading and considering the Petition of Majr Joseph Kimball[2] praying for the priviledge of a Ferry over Connecticut river at the town of Plainfield, *Voted*, that the Petitioner be heard thereon before the General Court on the second Wednesday of their next Session and that in the mean time the Petitioner cause the substance of the Petition and order of court to be published in the New Hampshire Gazzette three weeks successively & also that the Select-

[1] xiii. Ham. Town Papers, 737. [2] xiii. Ham. Town Papers, 205.

men of Plainfield be served with a Copy thereof that they or any person or persons may then appear and shew cause if any they have why the prayer thereof should not be granted.

Sent up by Mr Gilman.

Colo Thornton & Colo Peabody from the Honbl Senate came down and informed the House that the Senate had proceeded to the election of a President agreeably to the Constitution and had * made choice of the Honbl John Langdon Esqr as President of this State and left the following copy of their proceedings. (viz) * 12 : 719

In Senate June 8th 1785, Mr Prentice with others brought up a vote by which it appeared that the Honbl House of Representatives had ballotted for a President agreeably to the Constitution and from the four who had the highest number of votes from the people had elected the Honbl John Langdon Esqr & the Honbl George Atkinson Esqr as candidates for that office. Mr Langdon & Mr Atkinson withdrew from the Senate chamber and the members present proceeded to ballot for a President agreeably to the Constitution. The ballots being taken it was found that the Honbl John Langdon Esqr had seven votes and the Honbl George Atkinson Esqr one vote, so it appeared that the Honbl John Langdon Esqr is elected President of this State for the year ensuing.

Copy from the minutes, E. Thompson, Secretary.

Whereupon the Senate & House being assembled in the Senate Chamber his Excellency the President attended and subscribed the declaration & took the oath of office agreeably to the constitution before both Houses of Assembly.

The Representatives then returned to their chamber.

The Honbl Senate and House being again met on the business of electing officers agreeably to the Constitution after some conversation thereon agreed to adjourn to nine of clock to morrow morning.

The House then adjourned to eight o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, June 9.

The House met according to adjournment.

The Honbl Senate and House met according to adjournment on of the business of electing officers & proceeded to the election of a Senator in the room of the Honbl John Langdon Esqr who is elected President and by joint ballot made choice of the Honbl Joshua Wentworth Esqr for that office, the Senate then withdrew and the House proceeded to business.

Voted, that Mr Knowles, Colo Dow, Mr J. Gilman, Mr McMurphy

& Mr Duncan with such of the Honbl Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of the Petition of Joseph Leigh and report thereon.

Sent up by Mr Plummer.

Voted, that Majr Gains, Colo Payne, Colo Dow Mr Plummer and Mr M Wallace with such of the Honbl Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of the Petition of Ebenezer Flagg and all similar matters and report thereon.

Sent up by Mr Plummer.

* 12 : 720 * *Voted*, that Colo Toppan, Colo Tash, Mr Adams, Capt Sumner, Colo Dow, Majr Gains, Colo Waldron, Mr Duncan, Majr Whitcomb, and Colo Payne, with such of the Honbl Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider and report the most expedient measures to be taken for collecting the residue of the fines laid on the several towns in this State for their deficiencies in raising their respective quotas of men for the Continental army.

Sent up by Mr Freeman.

Resolved, that the several justices of the Peace within this State be and they hereby are impowered within the limits of their respective commissions to administer the Constitutional oaths to the field officers Captains, Subalterns already appointed, or that may hereafter be appointed in the several regiments within this State, and also to all coroners & Deputy Sheriffs and that any two justices of any court in this State be impowered to administer said oaths to the respective Clerk or Clerks of such court and that they respectively make proper returns of the same into the Secretary's office within six months next after the administration of the same.

Sent up by Majr Wentworth.

Voted, that Colo Simpson, Colo Bartlett, & Mr Betton, with such of the Honbl Senate as they shall join be a Committee to nominate four proper persons out of whom two are to be chosen to join with Christopher Toppan Esqr already appointed to confer with the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts respecting the Commerce between this State & said Common wealth agreeably to the report of a Committee on the Memorial of Sundry merchants made to the General Court on the 15th of February last.

Sent up by Colo Simpson.

Whereas an act entitled an Act for recording grants Locations, & Charters of land in this State granted by the late Governors thereof Benning Wentworth & John Wentworth Esquires is expired and a further time appears necessary for that purpose.

Therefore Resolved that a further time of one year from and after the passing of this Resolve be allowed for the purpose aforesaid

Sent up by Colo Simpson.

Upon reading and considering the Petition of Swallow Tucker James Campbell and Robert Seaver in behalf of the town of Raby,[1]

* *Voted*, that the Petitioners be heard thereon before the General Court on the first Friday of their next session and that in the mean time the Selectmen of Hollis be served with a Copy of the Petition & order of Court thereon that they may then appear and shew cause if any they have why the prayer thereof may not be granted. Sent up by Maj^r Pickering. * 12 : 721

Voted, that Mr Adams, Col^o Bartlett, & Mr Green, with such of the Honb^l Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of the Petition of John Donaldson & Mary Donaldson & all similar matters and report thereon. Sent up by Maj^r Pickering.

Adjourned to three o'clock, P. M.

Met accordingly.

Agreeable to the order of the day The Honb^l Senate and House met and heard the parties concerned in sundry petitions.

Voted, that the hearing on the Petition of the Selectmen of Merrimac be postponed to the second Thursday of the next Session of which all persons concerned are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly. Sent up by Mr Young.

Voted, that the hearing on the Petition of Little & Saunders be postponed till to morrow.

The Senate and House being again met on the business of electing officers agreed to adjourn till 10 o'clock to morrow morning.

The House then proceeded to business.

Voted, that the further consideration of the several Petitions heard this after noon be postponed till to morrow.

A Copy of his Excellencys address to both Houses was brought down and delivered by the Secretary, which is in the following words (viz)

Gentlemen of the Senate & Gentlemen of the House of Representatives.

Being elected by your suffrages to the office of Supreme executive Magistrate of this State, I take this opportunity to express my acknowledgements for this token of your confidence. The approbation of a free and virtuous people can never fail to yield me the highest satisfaction : this is the noblest reward for public services and this Gentlemen by a strict adherence to the principles of the Constitution and continued endeavors to promote the public good it shall be my study to merit ; while pursuing this path I cannot doubt of your assistance and aid.

[1] xi. Ham. Town Papers, 244, 245, & Nos. 183 & 184. Town Papers, Vol. I., collection of 1880, in office of Sec'y of State.

As the prosperity of a State must ever greatly depend on a union among the people, I shall think it one of the most
* 12 : 722 happy circumstances * of my life to be any ways instrumental in healing any political dissentions that may exist among the citizens of this State, and in promoting that general harmony & unanimity of sentiment which is so essential to the support of government.

The public papers as they come to my hands shall from time to time be laid before you and I shall ever be happy in making any communications the public good may require.

Permit me Gentlemen to recommend an early attention to the important business of the State in preference to the affairs that only respect Individuals, that the business of the public by being postponed to the latter end of the Session may not be in danger of suffering from want of due deliberation.

The encouragement of agriculture and our own manufactures, the providing of funds for paying the interest of our foreign & domestic debts and the support of public credit in general are matters of the highest importance, perhaps will more directly contribute to promote these desirable ends than a well regulated commerce ; this gentlemen you will probably think has been too long neglected, as the consequences of an inattention to it are too glaring to pass unobserved.

As the increase of our specie the value of our Lands the employment & subsistance of a large part of the community is so immediately connected with a due regulation of trade, you will permit me to recommend this matter to your immediate attention whether this shall be left generally with congress, or whether the ruinous situation to which our trade is already reduced by the restrictions of the British Legislature demands your direct and instant interference your wisdom will determine.

The laying out & keeping in repair necessary public roads ; the establishment of post riders from the sea coast through the different parts of the State may be of great public utility, and serve to promote an intercourse between town & country which may be greatly beneficial to both.

Gentlemen, my hearty concurrence shall not be wanting in every measure that may tend to promote the welfare of this State and give dispatch to the business of the public.

Council Chamber, June 9th 1785.

John Langdon.

Adjourned to eight o'clock to morrow morning.

*12.: 723 * FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 1785.

The House met according to adjournment.

Voted, that Gen[l] Sullivan, M[r] Pickering, & M[r] Dow, with such of the Honb[l] Senate as they shall join be a Committee to take into consideration & draught an answer to his Excellencys address to both Houses delivered yesterday. Sent up by Cap[t] Spaulding.

Voted, that Col[o] Payne, M[r] Plummer, & M[r] Macgregore, with such of the Honb[l] Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider what allowance shall be made the late Senior Senator & those members of the late Council who attended to administer to the members of the General Court the necessary oaths required by the Constitution. Sent up by Cap[t] Spaulding.

Voted, that the hearing on the Petition of the Selectmen of Merrimac which was to have been this day before the Gen[l] Court be postponed to the second Thursday of their next Session of which all persons concerned are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly. Sent up by Cap[t] Spaulding.

Upon reading and considering the Petition of Thomas Bartlett Esq[r] *Voted*, that the prayer thereof be granted & that he have leave to bring in a bill accordingly. Sent up by Cap[t] Spaulding.

Upon reading and considering the Petition of Wolfeborough & Middletown[1] *Voted*, that a farther consideration thereof be put off to the second Thursday of the next Session of the General Court — That Ebenezer Smith Esq[r] of Merrideth, Daniel Bedee Esq[r] of Sandwich Col[o] Moses Baker of Campton be a Committee to repair in the mean time to the towns of Middletown & Wolfeborough & view the situation of those towns respecting the divisions prayed for in said Petition, at the expense of the Petitioners and make report to the General Court at their next Session. Sent up by Cap[t] Spaulding.

Voted, that a Precept be sent to the district of Peterborough Slip & Temple to impower them to make choice of a person to represent the inhabitants of that district in the General Court in the room of the Honb[l] Francis Blood Esq[r] who having accepted his appointment as a Justice of the Court of Common Pleas for the County of Hillsborough cannot constitutionally have a seat in this House.

Agreeable to the order of the day the Honb[l] Senate & the House met and heard the parties concerned in sundry Petitions.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock P. M.

Met accordingly.

*The House proceeded to elect by ballot two persons out of four nominated by a Committee appointed for *12: 724

[1] xiii. Ham. Town Papers, 737.

that purpose to proceed to Boston to confer with the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts respecting the commerce between the two states, when the ballots were counted it appeared that Woodbury Langdon Esqr & John Sparhawk Esqr were chosen to join with Christopher Toppan Esqr already appointed for that purpose.

Therefore, *Voted*, that Woodbury Langdon Esqr & John Sparhawk Esqr with Christopher Toppan Esqr (before appointed) be a Committee to confer with the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on the subject of any Acts passed in the Commonwealth which affect the commerce of this state & that said Gentlemen be notified of their appointment and requested to proceed on that business as soon as may be and that they be furnished with instructions similar to those given to a former Committee appointed for that purpose. Sent up by Col^{o} Bartlett.

Upon hearing and considering the Petition of Henry Little in behalf of James Saunders, *Voted*, that the prayer thereof be granted and that the Petitioner have leave to bring in a bill accordingly.

Sent up by Mr Young.

The Senate & House being again met for the purpose of electing counsellors, and the ballots being taken and counted it appeared that the Honb^{l} Nathaniel Peabody Esqr the Honb^{l} Matthew Thornton Esqr the Honb^{l} John Sullivan Esqr Col^{o} Amos Shephard & Col^{o} Moses Dow were elected Counsellors for this State, they then adjourned, and the House proceeded to business.

Upon reading and considering the Petition of John Young, *Voted*, that the Petitioner be heard thereon before the General Court on the second Friday of their next Session & that Moses Dow Esqr be served with a Copy of the Petition & order of Court thereon and that in the mean time the executions against said Young in favour of Daniel Cross and Jonathan Hale be stayed till a decision of the General Court on said Petition. Sent up by Maj^{r} Young.

The Committee on the Petition of Capt Ezekiel Worthen reported as their opinion that the prayer thereof be granted and that the Committee on Depreciation take order thereon and govern themselves accordingly, and make up the depreciation & interest for him and his subalterns in the same manner as is made up to
*12 : 725 officers in the Continental *Army, Signed Geo. Atkinson for the Committee, which report being read and considered, *Voted*, that it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Mr Gilman.

The Honb^{l} Senate and House being again met on the business of electing officers adjourned till ten of clock tomorrow morning.

Voted that the public hearings which were to have been this day be put off till tomorrow at 10 o'clock of which all persons concerned are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Adjourned to eight o'clock to morrow morning.

SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 1785.

The House met according to adjournment.

The public letters received by the President since the last Session of the General Court were read.

The following vote came down from the Honb[l] Senate for concurrence.

In Senate June 11th, 1785. *Voted*, that M[r] Joshua Wentworth and M[r] Peabody be a Committee to joyn with such of the Honb[l] House as they shall appoint to prepare and lay before the General Court a draught for instructions to guide the naval officer in the execution of his office, relative to the ships of war belonging to his most Christian Majesty now lying in Piscataqua Harbour.

Sent down for concurrence, E. Thompson, Sec'y.

Read & concurred and Maj[r] Gains, Col[o] Toppan, & Col[o] Dow joined.

The Committee on the Petition of Cap[t] Simon Marston[1], Reported, as their opinion that the prayer thereof be granted, & that the Committee on Depreciation take order thereon and govern themselves accordingly and make up the depreciation and interest for him and his subalterns, Signed, Geo. Atkinson for the Committee, which report being read and considered, *Voted*, that it be received and accepted. Sent up by M[r] Plummer.

A vote from the Honb[l] Senate appointing a Committee to joyn a Committee of this House to consider of the business most necessary to be immediately proceeded on by the General Court & make report thereon, was brought down, read and concurred, & Col[o] Toppan, Col[o] Badger, M[r] Duncan, M[r] Grout & Col[o] Payne, joyned.

Sent up by M[r] Plummer.

The Committee on the Petition of Woodbury Langdon, Esq[r] reported as their opinion that the prayer thereof ought to be granted & that he have leave to bring in a bill for the repeal of the Act referred to in the Petition so far only as it respects him as Attorney to Peter Levius Esq[r] Signed, J. Wentworth, for the Committee, which report being read and considered *Voted*, that it be received and accepted. Sent up by M[r] Griffin.

1. xi. Ham. Town Papers, 487.

* 12 : 726 * The Committee on the Petition of the Selectmen of Bedford,[1] Reported as their opinion that the prayer of the Petition be granted Signed Eben^r Webster, for the Committee, which report being read and considered, *Voted*, that it be received and accepted. Sent up by Capt Foss.

The Committee appointed to consider what allowance shall be made the late Senior Senator and the members of the late Council who attended to administer the oaths required by the Constitution to the members of the General Court, Reported. "that the Hon^b Woodbury Langdon Esqr be allowed four pounds four shillings, the Hon^b Joseph Badger, Esqr, four pounds four shillings [&] the Hon^b Francis Blood Esqr five pounds nine shillings and eight pence for said service, Signed Jos^a Wentworth for the Committee which report being read and considered, *Voted*, that it be received and accepted. Sent up by Col^o Wiggin.

Upon reading and considering the Petition of Richard Cutt Shannon Esqr & others[2] a Committee of the Proprietors of Cockermouth, *Voted*, that the Petitioners be heard thereon before the General Court on the second Thursday of their next Session and that in the mean time the Petitioners cause that the Proprietors of Plymouth be served with a Copy of the Petition & order of Court thereon — also cause that the substance of said Petition & order of Court thereon be published three weeks successively in the New Hampshire Gazzette that any person or persons may then appear and shew cause if any they have why the prayer thereof may not be granted. Sent up by Col^o Wiggin.

The Committee on the Petition of Hannah Peabody, reported, "that depreciation & interest be made up for her late husband Col^o Stephen Peabody in the same manner as is made up to the officers of the same rank in the Continental Army and that the Committee on depreciation take order and govern themselves accordingly. Signed Geo. Atkinson for the Committee, which report being read and considered, *Voted*, that it be received and accepted, — and that the President give order accordingly. Sent up by Col^o Wiggin.

The Committee on the Petition of Peter Drowne[3] reported as their opinion "that the prayer thereof be granted & that the Committee on depreciation make up depreciation & interest for him and his subalterns in the same manner as is made up to the officers in the Continental Army Signed, Geo. Atkinson, for the Committee, which report being read and considered *Voted*, that it be received and accepted. Sent up by Col^o Wiggin.

* 12 : 727 * The Committee appointed to draught an answer to

1. xi. Ham. Town Papers, 186. 2. xii. Ham. Town Papers, 78. 3. xii. Ham. Town Papers, 702.

his Excellency's address reported an answer accordingly which being read it was voted to be presented and is as follows (viz)

May it please your Excellency,

The appointment of a Gentleman to the chief seat of this Government who has ever distinguished himself as a patriot and a statesman cannot fail to afford the highest satisfaction to the representatives of a free & virtuous people: Your Excellency may therefore rely on that aid and assistance which your important station may demand and our constitutional powers will enable us to afford.

We have considered with attention the several matters pointed out in your Excellency's address and being deeply sensible that the great ends of Government cannot be promoted without a general harmony and unanimity of sentiment among the citizens of a state & especially among those who are intrusted by the people with the conduct of their public affairs, Your Excellency may rest assured that no efforts on our part will be wanting to assist you in carrying your intentions into execution.

Such communications as we may receive from & such public papers as may be laid before us by your Excellency will be duly attended to.

The public affairs of the State being of so much more importance than those matters which relate only to the interest of individuals the former will undoubtedly have our earliest attention.

As the increase of our specie, inhancing the value of our lands establishing our national credit and subsisting a large number of our fellow citizens will greatly depend on a proper regulation of our commerce the encouragement of our own manufactures and discouraging the consumption of foreign articles, an early attention to those objects to prevent the increase of an evil already too sensibly felt in this State cannot fail to take place. The regulations of public roads and establishing post riders to keep up a proper communication between the different parts of this State will be attended to as soon as possible.

We are well assured that your Excellency's concurrence will not be wanting in any measures which may tend to promote the welfare of the State, and we beg leave to assure your Excellency that nothing shall be neglected on our part to promote the public interest and discharge the trust reposed in us. John Sullivan, Speaker.

Voted, that Col° Bartlett and Col° Gilman be a Committee to wait on his Excellency and present him with the foregoing answer.

* *Voted*, that the public hearings which were to have * 12 : 728
been this day be postponed to Tuesday next of which all
persons concerned are to take notice & govern themselves accordingly.

Adjourned to Monday next at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

MONDAY, JUNE 13th 1785.

The House met according to adjournment.

Voted, that Capt Thomas Martin, be and he hereby is appointed and requested to proceed to the General Court of the Common wealth of Massachusetts in the room & stead of the Honbl Woodbury Langdon Esqr who has declined accepting said trust.

Sent up by Mr Plummer.

Voted, that Colo Toppan, Colo Badger, Mr Duncan, Mr Grout, & Colo Payne, with such of the Honbl Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of the Petitions of Francis Borland & others, the Petition of William Pearne, & others also the Petition of Jonathan Warner Esqr and others merchants & inhabitants of the town of Portsmouth and report thereon. Sent up by Mr Duncan.

Upon reading and considering the Petition of John Smith, *Voted*, that the Petitioner be heard thereon before the General Court on the second Thursday of their next Session and that in the mean time the Petitioner cause that the Selectmen of Peterborough be served with a Copy of the Petition and order of court thereon that they may then appear and shew cause if any they have why the prayer thereof may not be granted, and that all proceedings of the Superior Court be stayed in the mean time. Sent up by Mr Jenness.

Upon reading and considering the Petition of Benjamin Jacquith, *Voted*, that the Petitioner be heard thereon before the General Court on the second Friday of their next Session and that in the mean time the Petitioner cause that the adverse party be served with a Copy of the Petition and order of Court thereon that he may then appear and shew cause if any he hath why the prayer thereof may not be granted. Sent up by Mr Jenness.

Voted, that Majr Gains, Colo Gilman, Capt Spaulding, Majr Whitcomb & Mr Freeman with such of the Honbl Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of the Petition and account of Samuel Cutts Esqr and report thereon. Sent up by Mr Jenness.

Voted, that Colo Toppan, Colo Payne, & Mr [J.] Gilman, with such of the Honbl Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of the Petition of Colo William Simpson & report thereon.

Sent up by Mr Jenness.

* 12 : 729 *Adjourned to eight of clock to morrow morning.

TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 1785.

The House met according to adjournment.

The Committee on the Petitions of sick and wounded officers & soldiers having considered the Petition of Thomas Pratt late a soldier

in the New Hampshire regiment, Reported that the said Thomas Pratt be allowed and paid the sum of fifteen shillings lawful money per month to be computed beginning at the time that his whole pay as a soldier ceased and to continue till further order of the General Court, and that he be enrolled as an invalid pensioner accordingly, Signed, Nath[ll] Peabody for the Committee, which report being read and considered, *Voted*, that it be received and accepted.

Sent up by M[r] Plummer.

The Committee on the Petition of John Pickering Esq[rs] in behalf of Elisha Reed & others inhabitants of the towns of Plainfield and Cornish, Reported that a day of hearing be granted, Signed, Nath[ll] Peabody for the Committee, which report being read and considered *Voted*, that it be received and accepted and that the Petitioners be heard thereon before the General Court in the after noon of this day, — agreebly to the consent of parties. Sent up by M[r] Plummer.

Voted, that M[r] J. Pickering, Col[o] Gilman, M[r] R. Wallace, M[r] Jewett & Col[o] Payne with such of the Honb[l] Senate as they shall join be a Committee to draught and lay before this House the several bills mentioned in the report of the Committee on necessary business.

Sent up by M[r] Plummer.

Voted, that M[r] J. Gilman, M[r] Brackett, M[r] Macgregore, Maj[r] Whitcomb & Col[o] Whipple with such of the Honb[l] Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of the Petition of Phebe Colbourne and all similar matters and report thereon. Sent up by M[r] Plummer.

Voted, that M[r] J. Pickering, Cap[t] Emerson, Col[o] Bartlett, Col[o] Gilman, and Col[o] Dow, with such of the Honb[l] Senate as they shall join be a Committee to examine how far the Committee for settling the accounts between this State and the United States have proceeded in the settlement with Stephen Gorham Esq[r] Commissioner for the United States and report thereon. Sent up by M[r] Plummer.

The Committee to consider of the Account of the Selectmen of Packersfield, Reported that the account of the Selectmen of Packersfield amounting to twenty-two pounds eight shillings & three pence as liquidated by the scale being the tax on the estate of Breed Batcheldor [Esq[r]]* an absentee be allowed and that the President draw an order for that sum to be discounted out of the tax due from said town for the year 1780. Signed, Joseph Gilman, for the Committee, which report being read and considered, *Voted*, that it be received and accepted. Sent up by M[r] Plummer.

*12 : 730

Adjourned to 3 o'clock P. M.

[1] xiii. Ham. Town Papers, 204.

Met accordingly.

Voted, that Col° Payne, Mr Adams & Maj^r^ Kimball with such of the Honb^l^ Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of the Petition of Elihu Stevens and others and report thereon.

Sent up by Col° Waldron.

Agreeably to the order of the day attended on the hearing of several Petitions.

Upon hearing and considering the Petition of Thomas Pinkham *Voted*, that the prayer thereof be granted, & that he have leave to bring in a bill accordingly. Sent up by Mr Jackman.

The further consideration of the Petition of Elisha Reed and others postponed till to morrow morning.

Voted, that the consideration of the Petition of Ebenezer Torrey be postponed to the second Wednesday of the next Session of the General Court and that in the mean time the Petitioner cause that David Learned & Abel Learned each be served with a Copy of the Petition and order of Court thereon that they or either of them may then appear and shew cause if any they have why the prayer thereof may not be granted. Sent up by Mr Sanborn.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15th 1785.

The House met according to adjournment.

An Act to impower Thomas Bartlett, Esqr, of Nottingham Guardian to Ebenezer Cotton & Ezekiel Fisk, minor heirs of Ebenezer Fisk late of Epping, Physician Deceased, intestate to make and execute a good and lawful deed of sale of certain lands lying in Epping & Brentwood, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Mr Prentice and Mr Jenness.

An Act to repeal an act entitled, An Act to prevent the transfer or conveyance of the estates & property of all such persons who have been or shall be apprehended upon suspicion of having been guilty of Treason Misprison of Treason or other inimical practices *12: 731 respecting this State* the United States, any or either of them, and also for securing all lands within this State as well of such persons as have traiterously deserted or may hereafter desert the common cause of America and have gone over to or in any way or manner joined our enemies as of those who belong to or reside in Great Britain passed Nov^mb^ 29th 1777 as far as said Act respects the power of Attorney given by Peter Levius Esqr to Woodbury Langdon, Esqr was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Mr Prentice & Mr Jenness.

An act to prevent incroachments upon highways was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Mr Prentice & Mr Jenness.

Upon the second reading of a bill intitled An Act for chusing Grand Jurors and directing their services. Motion was made for expunging the following clause "And be it further enacted that the Sherriff of each County respectively is hereby authorized upon orders given by said Courts to return Grand Jurors detalibus circumstantibus as occasion shall require and the said Courts shall judge necessary and the Sherriff is hereby directed to do the same accordingly" and the yeas & nays being called for in determining said motion were as follows. (viz)

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Jno Pickering,	Jno Prentice,	Geo Gains,	Jno Sullivan,
Wm White,	Moses Shaw,	Wm Weeks,	Saml Jenness,
Wm Plummer,	Thos Bartlett,	Colo Leavitt,	Abner Sanborn,
Thos Page,	David Gilman,	Mark Wiggin,	Levi Morrill,
Thos Tash,	Samuel Marsh,	Moses Barnard,	Nath Emerson,
Saml Douglass,	Ephraim Adams,	James Betton,	Jno Waldron,
Jno Duncan,	Robert Wallace,	Jona Wentworth,	James Knowles,
Jons Dow,	Robert Smith,	Joseph Badger,	James Brackett,
Elijah Grout,	Amos Shepherd,	Reuben Libbey,	Danl Emerson,
Jona Gaskill,	Jno Gilman, [Gilmore]	James Martin,	Levi Spaulding,
Simon Willard,	Saml Works,	Phillip Putnam,	Benjn Darling,
Edward Jewett,	Stephen Powers,	Geo Jackman,	Matthew Harvey,
Elijah Frink,	Joseph Kimball,	Benjn Hall,	Elisha Whitcomb,
Abm Burnam,	Ebenezer Hoyt,	Levi Hooper,	Benjm Sumner,
Elisha Payne,	Wm Simpson,	Nathan Young,	Lemuel Holmes,
John Young,		Jacob Copeland,	Saml Griffin,
		Saml Kendall,	Noah Worster,
			Joseph Whipple.

31 Yeas, — 35 Nays.

So the motion was lost.

An act for laying out highways was read a third time and passed to be enacted. Sent up by Majr Weeks and Majr Gains.

*The following vote came down from the Honbl Senate *12:732 for concurrence

State of New Hamp. } In Senate June 15th 1785.

Voted, that Joseph Gilman, Nathl Peabody, & John Parker, Esquires, a Committee appointed to devise proper checks for impressing new blank notes, to redeem the State Securities now outstanding. Also devise proper checks for impressing blank certificates to be used for the payment of interest due on said notes.

Sent down for concurrence.

Signed, E. Thompson, Sec'y.

The same day read and concurred. Sent up by Capt Marsh.

Upon motion made for an addition to the bill entitled an act for chusing of Grand jurors and directing their services in the following words "Provided that no talisman shall be put on any Grand jury until twelve of the Grand Jurors chosen and returned by the towns as this Act directs shall be present in Court ready to be impaneled."

The Yeas & Nays being called for were as follows. (viz)

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Jn° Pickering,	Jn° Prentice,	Wm Weeks,	Jn° Sullivan,
Wm White,	Ephm Pickering,	Saml Jenness,	Ge° Gains,
Christ° Toppan,	Moses Shaw,	Moses Leavitt,	Abner Sanborn,
Nathl Batcheldor,	Levi Morrill,	Mark Wiggin,	Moses Bernard,
Wm Plummer,	Thos Bartlett,	Jn° Waldron,	Jona Wentworth,
Charles Glidden,	Nathl Emerson,	James Knowles,	Wm Harper,
Thos Page,	Caleb Dustin,	James Brackitt,	Reubn Libbey,
James Betton,	Joshua Foss,	James Martin,	Phillip Putnam,
David Gilman,	Thomas Tash,	Levi Spaulding,	Benjm Darling,
Saml Marsh,	Saml Douglas,	Ge° Jackman,	Matthew Harvey,
Ephm Adams,	Robt Wallace,	Benjm Hall,	Elisha Whitcomb.
Jona Dow,	Jn° Bryant,	Levi Hooper,	Benjn Sumner,
Robt Smith,	Elijah Grout,	Nathan Young,	Jacob Copland,
Amos Shepherd,	Jona Gaskill,	Saml Kendall,	Noah Worster.
Jn° Gilmore,	Simon Willard,	Joseph Whipple,	[Worcester.]
Saml Works,	Edwd Jewett,		
Stephen Powers,	Elijah Frink,		
Saml Griffin,	Joseph Kimball,		
Abm Burnam,	Ebenezer Hoyt,		
Russell Freeman,	Elisha Payne,		
John Young,			

41 Yeas, 29 Nays.

So the motion prevailed for making said addition.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock P. M.

Met accordingly.

* 12 : 733 *An Act directing & regulating the appointment and choice of Petit Jurors was read a third time and passed to be enacted. Sent up by Col° Waldron, & Col° Bartlett

Read several Public Bills & debated thereon.

Resumed the consideration of the Petition of Elisha Reed,[1] & *Voted*, that said Petition be dismissed.

An Act for chusing of Grand Jurors and directing their services was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Col° Waldron, & Col° Bartlett.

Voted, that the Public hearings on Petitions which were to have been this day before the General Court be postponed till to morrow of which all concerned are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

1. xiii. Ham. Town Papers, 204.

The Committee on the Memorial of the Revr^d^ Mr Belknap, having seen and conversed with him find that he is indebted to the printer of his History of this State the sum of one hundred pounds, which he is unable to pay and which if not paid will discourage him from proceeding to compile a second volume; and as they highly approve the first, they beg leave to propose that each member of the House be entitled to receive from Mr Belknap at the expense of the State, one whole bound book at the price of ten shillings each & fourteen to the dozen for the use of the districts they respectively represent, and that whatever sum remains to make up the sum of one hundred pounds be allowed and paid to the Revr^d^ Mr Belknap by an order on the Treasury Signed, Geo Atkinson, for the Committee, which report being read and considered, *Voted*, that it be received and accepted. Sent up by Col^o^ Simpson.

Adjourned to 8 o'clock to morrow morning.

THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 1785.

The House met according to adjournment.

Voted, that the Resolve of the ninth instant impowering Justices within the limits of their respective Commissions to administer the Constitutional oaths to officers therein mentioned, be printed in hand bills and distributed to the several towns in this State as soon as may be. Sent up by Col^o^ Simpson.

Read and debated largely on a bill called the Lumber Act.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock P. M.

Met accordingly.

Col^o^ White took out of the files Mr Flagg's Petition respecting Col^o^ Websters will.

*The Committee appointed to consider of the Petitions * 12 : 734
of sick & wounded &c having heard Thomas Green on his Petition and viewed the wound referred to in said Petition, Reported that the said Thomas Green have and receive the sum of eighteen shillings per month, beginning at the time when his pay as an invalid ceased and to be continued till the further order of the General Court and that the same be charged in account against the United States agreeably to the resolve of Congress of the 26th of August 1776 and that he be enrolled accordingly. Signed, Nath^ll^ Peabody for the Committee, which report being read and considered, *Voted*, that it be received and accepted. Sent up by Mr Jenness.

The Committee on the Petition of sick & wounded &c having heard Capt Nathan Sanborn [1] respecting the subject matter of his

1. xi. Ham. Town Papers, 467.

Petition & viewed the wound therein mentioned, with the certificates & vouchers concerning the same. Reported that the said Capt Nathan Sanborn be paid the sum of twenty shillings per month beginning at the time when his pay as an officer ceased and to continue till further order of the General Court and the same be charged to the United States in pursuance of a Resolve of Congress of the 26th of August 1776 and that he be enrolled as an invalid pensioner accordingly. Signed, Nathll Peabody for the Committee, which report being read and considered, *Voted*, that it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Mr Jenness.

The Committee on the Petition of Sarah Kimball widow of Benjamin Kimball late a Captain in the first New Hampshire Regiment in the Continental Army, Reported that the President order the Treasurer to issue a note for half pay agreeable to a Resolve of Congress passed August 24th 1780 the interest to commence from the date of the order Signed, Joseph Gilman for the Committee which report being read and considered, *Voted*, that it be received and accepted. Sent up by Mr Jenness.

The Committee on Petitions of sick and wounded officers and soldiers having considered the Petition of Reuben Spencer an invalid pensioner with his account current and the several papers certificates and vouchers accompanying the same, Reported that the
* 12 : 745 said Reuben Spencer be allowed and paid the sum of * sixty-eight pounds fourteen shillings and one penny lawful money in full for his account exhibited against the United States, Signed by order of the Committee per Nathl Peabody, which report being read and considered, *Voted*, that it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Mr McMurphy.

Voted, that the hearing on the Petition of Genl John Stark which was to have been before the General Court on the second Thursday of the present Session be heard on the second Wednesday of the next Session and that in the mean time the Secretary be directed to publish the substance of the Petition and order thereon six weeks successively in the New Hampshire Gazzette that any person or persons may then appear and shew cause (if any they have) why the prayer thereof may not be granted. Sent up by Colo Leavitt

Adjourned to 8 o'clock to morrow morning.

FRIDAY, June 17th 1785.

The House met according to adjournment.

The Committee on the Petition of Jonathan Eastman[1] of Walpole, Reported, that the Committee for settling Depreciation, make up

[1] xiii. Ham. Town Papers, 607.

depreciation for six months service performed by Samuel Eastman, Signed John M^c^Cleary, for the Committee which report being read and considered *Voted*, that it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Col° Leavitt.

The Committee on the Petition of John Donaldson & Mary Donaldson his wife late widow of Capt Richard Shortridge late a Captain in the New Hampshire line of the Continental Army, Reported that the prayer thereof be granted and that the President order the Treasurer to issue Notes agreeably to a Resolve of Congress of the 24th of August 1780, Interest to commence from the date of the order, Signed Joseph Gilman for the Committee, which report being read and considered, *Voted*, that it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Col° Leavitt.

The Several Committees appointed to Brigade the Regiments of Militia to form and arrange the Corps, of Light Horse, to form a regiment of Artillery and to arrange & regulate the alarm list, Reported, the following Resolve.

Resolved, that the first, third, fourth, seventh & twentieth regiments constitute one Brigade. * The Second, * 12 : 736
tenth, eighteenth, & nineteenth, shall constitute another Brigade, The eighth, eleventh, seventeenth, and twenty-second, another Brigade, — the fifth, ninth, twelth, and twenty-third, another Brigade, — The sixth, fifteenth, sixteenth, and twenty-first, another Brigade, — The thirteenth, fourteenth, twenty-fourth, and twenty-fifth another Brigade.

That the Commander in chief assign to each Brigadier already appointed or that may hereafter be appointed the particular Brigade which he is to command and alter or change the command as he may think proper, and that he by advice of a Major part of the General officers may alter the said Brigades from time to time as occasion may require.

That there be two Regiments of Light Horse of five Companies each, each Company to consist of one Captain, two Lieutenants, one Cornet, four sarjeants the first of whom to be the clerk and sixty-four privates, That there be one Colonel, one Lieutenant Colonel, one Major, one Adjutant, & one Quarter Master, to each regiment and that the whole be under the command of a Brigadier General of the Horse who shall himself be subject to the command of the Major General and other his superior officers.

That the Brigadier General of the Light Horse have liberty to enlist under the direction of the Captain General any number of independant Companies of Light Horse, consisting of Gentlemen not

subject to do duty with the train band who shall be independant of said Regiment and subject only to the command of the Brigadier of the Light Horse aud his commanding officers.

The Commanding officers of said independant Companies to have the same rank as officers in the alarm list, — that there be one Regiment of Artillery consisting of eight Companies, each company to consist of one Captain, one Captain Lieutenant, two Lieutenants, four sarjeants, the first of whom to be the clerk, four Bombadiers, included in rank and file, twenty-five Cannoniers, and one Drum and fife, three of which Companies shall be raised within the Limits of the Brigade next the Sea Coast and annexed thereto and one Company to be raised within the Limits of and annexed to each of the other Brigades, each Company to be furnished with two field pieces, with the necesary apparatus.

* 12 : 737 * That his Excellency the Captain General be requested to write Congress desiring the Loan of sixteen pieces of brass Artillery and eight Ammunition waggons from the nearest Continental park, for the return of which on request from Congress or the Secretary of war this State shall be answerable.

That the Alarm list be formed and regulated agreeably to the Act for regulation of the Militia passed the eighteenth of March, 1780.

That the Brigadiers within their several districts, and in case there should be no Brigadier then such field officers as the Major General shall direct immediately set up notifications at some publick House in each district notifying all those belonging to the alarm list within those districts to appear for the purpose of electing their officers and shall preside at said election, the return of which appointment shall be made to him and transmitted by him to the Captain General who is to make out commissions accordingly, Signed, Nath[ll] Peabody for the Committee, which report being read and considered, *Voted*, that it be received and accepted. Sent up by M[r] Pickering.

Voted, that M[r] Prentice, Col[o] Tash, M[r] Emerson, M[r] Grout, and M[r] Worster with such of the Honb[l] Senate as they shall join be a Committee to draught and lay before this House a bill for punishing Horse thieves. Sent up by M[r] Worcester.

Upon reading and considering a Petition from the Inhabitants of the town of Marlborough praying for the Priviledge of sending a Representative, *Voted*, that the prayer thereof, be granted so far as that the said town of Marlborough have liberty to send a Representative till further order of the General Court.

Upon reading and considering the Petition of the inhabitants of New Market [1] setting forth that at the last annual meeting held in

1. xiii. Ham. Town Papers, 33.

New Market for the choice of a Representative a Vote was obtained to dissolve said Meeting without any choice being made, contrary to the minds of a great number of inhabitants wherefore they prayed that the Selectmen might be impowered to call a meeting to make choice of a Representative to represent said town in the General Court the current year, *Voted*, that the prayer thereof be granted, & that the Selectmen be empowered accordingly.

The Committee on the Petitions from sick and wounded officers and soldiers having heard Peter Akerman respecting the subject matter of his Petition, viewed his wounds, with the papers and * certificates relative to the same, Reported, that by * 12 : 738 the Resolve of Congress of the 26th of August 1776 he is entitled to have and receive the sum of twenty shillings per month from the time his pay as a soldier ceased till further order of the General Court and that he be enrolled as an invalid pensioner and orders be issued for the payment accordingly and that the monies so paid be charged against the United States. Signed, Nath[l] Peabody for the Committee which report being read and considered, *Voted*, that it be received and accepted. Sent up by Mr Worster.

The Committee on the Petition of Ebenezer Flagg and similar matters having considered the Petition of Joseph Kimball[1], Reported, that the prayer thereof be granted and that the President give order upon the Treasurer accordingly, Signed, M. Thornton, for the Committee, which report being read and considered, *Voted*, that it be received and accepted. Sent up by Mr Frink.

The Committee on the Petition of Ebenezer Flagg and all similar matters having considered the subject matter of the Petition of the said Ebenezer Flagg reported that the prayer thereof be granted and that the President give order upon the Treasurer accordingly. Signed M. Thornton for the Committee, which report being read and considered, *Voted*, that it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Mr Frink.

The Committee on the petition of Ebenezer Flagg and all similar matters, having considered the Petition of Gawen Armor Reported, that the prayer thereof be granted and that the President give order upon the Treasurer accordingly, Signed M Thornton for the Committee, which report being read and considered, *Voted*, that it be received and accepted. Sent up by Mr Frink.

The Committee on the Petitions of sick & wounded officers and soldiers having heard Thomas Haines respecting the subject matter of his Petition and viewed the wound therein mentioned with the discharge and certificate relative to the same, Reported that he be paid

1. xiii. Ham. Town Papers, 205.

the sum of twenty-four shillings per month from the time his wages as a soldier ceased till further order of the General Court and the monies so paid and advanced to be charged in account against the United States in consequence of the resolve of Congress
* 12 : 739 of the 23rd of April 1782, and that he be enrolled * as an invalid pensioner accordingly. Signed, Nathll Peabody, for the Committee which report being read and considered, *Voted*, that it be received and accepted. Sent up by Mr Adams.

Upon reading and considering the Petition of Elihu Stevens and others inhabitants of Claremont praying for the liberty of a Lottery to raise a sum of money for the purpose of building a bridge over Sugar river, *Voted*, that the prayer thereof be granted, and that the Petitioners have leave to bring in a bill for raising by a Lottery the sum of three hundred pounds to be free from any charge or expence to the State. Sent up by Mr Adams.

The Committee on Instructions to Guide the Naval officer in the execution of his office relative to the ship of war belonging to his most Christian Majesty now lying in Piscataqua Harbor reported that whereas the ship Lapories commanded by the Chevalier de Ferries now taking on board a cargo of masts heretofore purchased for his most Christian Majesty be exempted from any duties whatever. Therefore your Committee report that the Naval officer be directed not to make demand therefor. Signed Joshua Wentworth, for the Committee which report being read and considered, *Voted*, that it be received and accepted. Sent up by Mr Betton.

Voted, that Colo Bartlett, Colo Badger, Majr Wallace, Colo Shephard, & Colo Dow, with such of the Honbl Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of the Regulations for the order & discipline of the troops of New Hampshire presented by the Honbl John Sullivan Esqr Major General and report thereon.

Sent up by Colo Waldron.

Voted, that Colo Leavitt, Colo Gilman, Capt Marsh, Mr Holmes, and Colo Dow with such of the Honbl Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of the Account of the Selectmen of Portsmouth and report thereon. Sent up by Colo Waldron.

Voted, that Mr J. Gilman, Colo Bartlett, Mr Grout, Colo Leavitt, and Colo Wiggin, with such of the Honbl Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of the Petition and Account of Joshua Young and report thereon. Sent up by Colo Waldron.

* 12 : 740 * The Committee on the Petition[1] of a large number of Inhabitants of this State praying that some method may be devised for repairing new market bridge, Reported, that the former

1. xiii. Ham. Town Papers, 401.

act respecting the bridge be repealed, and that an act pass enacting that in future the said bridge be repaired and supported in manner following (viz) that the end on newmarket side so far as the hoist be repaired and supported at the expence of the said town of New Market and the end on Stratham side be repaired and supported at the expense of said Stratham so far as the hoist and that the hoist be repaired and supported at the expence of the towns of Portsmouth Greenland & Rye, Portsmouth to pay three quarters of said expence, — Greenland & Rye the other quarter for and during the term of ten years and no longer. Signed, Geo. Atkinson for the Committee, which report being read and considered, *Voted*, that it be received and accepted. Sent up by Maj^{r} Wiggin.

Voted, that Mr Betton, Mr J. Pickering & Col^{o} Bartlett, with such of the Honb^{l} Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of the report of the Committee chosen at the Session in February last to settle the accounts between the Treasurer and the State & report thereon. Sent up by Mr Betton.

Voted, that Mr. Prentice, Col^{o} Waldron, Mr Adams, Mr Works, & Col^{o} Simpson, with such of the Honb^{ll} Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of the Accounts of John Pierce, Mark H. Wentworth, Richard Hart, & Jonathan Warner, Esq^{rs}, and all similar matters and report thereon. Sent up by Mr Prentice.

Upon reading and considering the Petition of Benjamin Tripp, *Voted*, that the Petitioner be heard thereon before the General Court on the second Friday of their next Session and that in the mean time the Petitioner cause that Jonathan M. Sewall and Oliver Whipple Attornies to Matthew Robinson mentioned in said Petition be served with a Copy of the Petition and order of Court thereon that they or either of them may then appear and shew cause if any they have why the prayer thereof may not be granted, and that all further process against said Tripp be stayed until the decision of the General Court.

Sent up by M^{r} McMurphy.

*Adjourned, to 3 o'clock P. M. * 12 : 741

Met accordingly.

Voted, that the account of the Honb^{l} John McClarey, Esqr amounting to one pound eleven shillings and four pence for a journey to Concord, Horse hire &c be allowed and paid out of the Treasury and that the President give order accordingly.

Sent up by Col^{o} Simpson.

Voted, that Mr Green, Col^{o} Waldron, Maj^{r} Wallace, Capt Holmes & Col^{o} Dow, with such of the Honb^{l} Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider what business is yet necessary to be done at this Session also to consider at what time and to what time and place

this court shall be adjourned — also to consider what allowance shall be made to the members of the Honb^l Senate, the House of Representatives and their officers for travel and attendance at this Session and report thereon. Sent up by Mr Batcheldor.

Voted, that M^r [Col^o] Gilman, Mr Prentice, and Mr Hall, with such of the Honb^l Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of the account of Enoch Barker and report thereon.

Sent up by Mr Batcheldor.

Voted, that the account of Alexander Parkman amounting to thirty shillings be allowed and paid out of the Treasury by order of the President. Sent up by Capt Foss.

The Committee appointed for considering the report of the Committee on the settlement of the Treasurers Account, Reported, that the certificates issued by the late and present Treasurer dated, July 31st 1782 amounting to nine thousand nine hundred & sixteen pounds sixteen shillings and eleven pence, also the certificates issued by the present Treasurer dated July 31st 1783, amounting to five thousand six hundred and eighty-seven pounds seventeen shillings and ten pence — likewise sundry certificates dated July 31st 1784. Issued for interest on Notes & orders amounting to three thousand two hundred & sixty nine pounds fourteen shillings. Sundry certificates dated July 31st 1784 issued for fifteen p^r cent of the principal on State notes amounting to twelve thousand nine hundred & ninety six pounds ten shillings and ten pence — also sundry consolidated notes amounting to six thousand one hundred and seven pounds five shillings and eight pence, — also three thousand four hundred and fifty-six pounds eleven shillings, Depreciation notes, — Bounty notes, four thousand, nine hundred & sixty pounds, Likewise nineteen thousand one hundred & thirty-six pounds, nine shillings in notes given for money
* 12 : 742 borrowed and for purchasing * horses also the receipts for bounties for killing wolves amounting to two hundred & ten pounds nineteen shillings be burnt by a Committee to be appointed for that purpose. That the old and the new emission received by the Committee on the settlement of the present Treasurers accounts be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer he giving a proper receipt therefor. — That the certificates issued by the Continental loan officer in this State be deposited with the present Loan Officer upon his giving a proper receipt for the same and that all the other vouchers and papers respecting the Treasurer's account be lodged in the hands of the State comptroller on his giving a proper receipt therefor. — Signed, Joshua Wentworth, for the Committee which report being read and considered, *Voted*, that it be received and accepted and that Mr J. Gilman, Col^o Bartlett, and Capt East-

man, with such of the Honb[l] Senate as they shall join be a Committee for the purpose mentioned in this report.

Sent up by Cap[t] Foss.

The Committee on the Petition of Joseph Leigh, reported that he be allowed seventy-one pounds seventeen shillings for depreciation in the year 1780 and that the President order the Treasurer to issue a Note for that sum and certificates for the interest in the same manner as Notes and certificates are issued to the officers & soldiers in the New Hampshire line, the interest to commence June 1st 1780, Signed Joseph Gilman for the Committee, which report being read and considered, *Voted*, that it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Cap[t] Hooper.

Adjourned to 8 o'clock to morrow morning.

SATURDAY, JUNE 18 1785.

The House met according to adjournment.

Voted, that M[r] Pickering, M[r] Prentice, & Gen[l] Sullivan with such of the Honb[l] Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of a bill presented for giving and granting to the United States in Congress assembled full power and authority to direct and regulate the trade and Commerce of this State and report such alterations as they shall judge necessary. Sent up by Col[o] Badger.

An Act for restoring James Saunders to his Law was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Maj[r] Kimball & Cap[t] Burnam.

* Whereas it is provided by the constitution that the * 12 : 743
field officers shall nominate their Captains & subalterns &
that the President shall immediately upon receiving their appointment and recommendation make out Commissions for them — and as great difficulty must attend making application to his Excelleney in all cases and upon every emergency and when made can answer no other purpose but the obtaining Commissions on appointments already made and which he has no power to alter,

Therefore, *Resolved*, that it is the sense of this House that his Excellency the Captain General may in all cases when it shall appear to him necessary, deliver out to the Commanding officer of any Regiment blank Commissions for his Captains and Subalterns taking a receipt therefor and obligation to fill up the same agreeable to the voice of the major part of the field officers to make return of the names of the Captains & subalterns by him Commissioned and to return such blank Commissions as may remain on hand.

Sent up by Col[o] Badger.

Voted, that Mr Green, Mr Worster, & Capt Harper, with such of the Honbl Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of the Petition of John Prentice & Archibald McMurphy Esqrs in behalf of the Selectmen of Londonderry and report thereon.

Sent up by Colo Badger.

Voted, that Colo Joshua Wentworth deduct the same proportion out of the Rum tax for 1781 for the towns of Lempster, Croydon, & Marlow that the Treasurer was ordered to do out of other taxes for the same year. Sent up by Colo Badger.

An Act for the admeasurement of boards and for regulating the tale of shingles, clapboards, hoops, & staves and for other purposes therein mentioned was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Majr Kimball & Capt Burnam.

Voted, that Majr Weeks, Capt Foss, Mr Emerson, Mr Frink, & Colo Whipple with such of the Honbl Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of the Memorial of the Selectmen of New Ipswich[1] and all similar matters and report thereon.

Sent up by Colo Badger.

Voted, that Mr Emerson, Mr Adams, & Mr Sanborn, with such of the Honbl Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of the Petition of Daniel Gookins[2] and all similar matters and report thereon. Sent up by Colo Badger.

* 12 : 744 * Upon reading and considering the Petition of the Selectmen of Warren, *Voted*, that the Petitioners be heard thereon before the General Court on the second Wednesday of their next Session and that in the mean time the Petitioners cause the selectmen of Wentworth and Piermont to be served with a Copy of the Petition and order of Court thereon that they or either of them may then appear and shew cause if any they have why the prayer thereof may not be granted. Sent up by Mr Betton.

Voted, that the Account of Capt Abraham Burnam amounting to three pounds & twelve shillings for time, horse hire and expence in a Journey from Portsmouth to Plymouth on public business be allowed and that the President give order on the Treasurer for said sum.

Sent up by Majr Wentworth.

The Committee on the Petition and Account of Samuel Cutts Esqr Reported, that the said Samuel Cutt Esqr be allowed forty-five pounds in full of all demands and deductions that have been made in his account in former settlements, Signed, John McCleary, for the Committee, which report being read and considered, *Voted*, that it be received and accepted. Sent up by Colo Wiggin.

Adjourned to Monday next at 3 o'clock P. M.

1. xii. Ham. Town Papers, 742. 2. xiii. Ham. Town Papers, 87.

MONDAY, JUNE 20 1785.

The House met according to adjournment.

The Committee appointed to consider what allowance the members of the Senate and House of Representatives & their officers shall receive for their wages and travel &c at this Session Reported, that the members of the Senate have and receive out of the Treasury six shillings p^r day for their attendance & four pence p^r mile for their travel to and from their homes, — That the members of the House of Representatives have and receive out of the Treasury the same travel to and from their homes as the members of the Senate, and six shillings p^r day for their attendance for which last sum each member of the House shall have a right to give the Constable of the town or towns they represent an order upon the Treasurer which order shall be received at the Treasury towards the tax of the town or district each member represents and the Treasurer is directed to charge the amount of such orders to the respective towns & districts in the next tax bill, — That the Secretary have nine * shillings p^r day and the Deputy Secretary seven shillings and six pence p^r day and allowance for travel as members. * 12 : 745
That the Clerk of the House have nine shillings p^r day and allowance for travel as a member. That the assistant clerk have one and six pence p^r day over his pay as a member, — Signed, Nath^ll Peabody for the Committee, which report being read and considered, *Voted*, that it be received and accepted, and that the Secretary and Clerk make up the respective Rolls accordingly, — and that the Clerk of the House be made up one day extraordinary for making up the rolls and that the President give a general order on each roll, for the payment of said rolls. Sent up by Col^o Wiggin.

Upon motion made that the following clause be added to the bill for the better observation of the Lords day (viz) "And if any person charged with the breach of this Act shall be acquitted upon trial he shall recover cost against the complainant" upon which motion the yeas and nays were called for, and are as follows.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr Jenness,	Col^o Leavitt,	Maj^r Gains,	M^r McMurphy,
Maj^r Wiggin,	Capt Morrill,	Maj^r Pickering,	Maj^r Weeks,
Mr Plummer,	Mr Bernard,	Mr Shaw,	Maj^r Batcheldor,
Mr Glidden,	Mr Green,	Capt Eastman,	Col^o Bartlett,
Col^o Waldron,	Maj^r Wentworth,	M^r N Batcheldor,	Mr Betton,
Capt Foss,	Capt Harper,	Mr Knowles,	Capt Emerson,
Col^o Badger,	Mr Libbey,	Col^o Gilman,	Mr Adams,
Mr J. Dow,	Mr Smith,	M^r M Wallace,	M^r R Wallace,

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr Harvey,	Mr E Grout,	Mr Darling,	Mr Bryant,
Majr Whitcomb,	Mr Gaskill,	Mr Jackman,	Colo Shephard,
Mr Gilmore,	Mr Willard,	Mr Jewett,	Mr Powers,
Mr Works,	Mr Hooper,	Mr Holmes,	Capt Copland,
Mr Sumner,	Mr N Young,	Mr Griffin,	Mr Kendall,
Majr Kimball,	Mr Worster,	Mr Freeman,	Colo Payne.
Capt Burnam,	Mr Hoyt,		
Mr M Dow.	Mr J Young,		

32 Yeas, — 28 Nays.

So the motion prevailed. Read several public bills.

Adjourned to eight o'clock to morrow morning.

TUESDAY, June 21, 1785.

The House met according to adjournment.

Upon reading and considering the Petition of John Betton & David Patterson, *Voted*, that the Petitioners be heard thereon before the General Court on the first Friday of their next Session and that in the mean time the Petitioners cause that Mr James Macgregore of Londonderry be served with a Copy of the Petition and order of Court * thereon that he may then appear and shew cause if any he hath why the prayer thereof may not be granted and that the execution be stayed till the decision of the General Court. Sent up by Colo Waldron.

* 12 : 746

Voted, that Mr J. Gilman, Colo Gilman, & Colo Dow, with such of the Honbl Senate as they shall join be a committee to consider of the Petition of Joseph Taylor and report thereon.

Sent up by Colo Waldron.

An Act for mending and repairing highways in this State was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Colo Waldron & Mr Jenness.

A vote appointing Mr Gilman, Mr Atkinson, & Mr Joshua Wentworth with such as the Honbl House shall join a Committee to report what period shall be affixed beyond which no demands which are now due and which are properly a Continental charge will be allowed, was sent down from the Honbl Senate for concurrence, was read and concurred and Mr J Gilman, Colo Waldron, Majr Wallace, Capt Hooper, and Colo Payne joined. Sent up by Mr Plummer.

The Committee on the Petition of the Selectmen of Cornish Reported they have examined the inventories returned by the Selectmen of said towns for the years 1779 and 1783 and are of opinion that one eighth part of all the State taxes for the years 1780. 1781. 1782,

1783. and 1784 for which precepts issued from the Treasurers office except a small Tax in 1781 for interest on new emission money which was ordered to be paid in specie should be abated and that the Treasurer take order accordingly, Signed, Joseph Gilman for the Committee, which report being read and considered, *Voted*, that it be received and accepted. Sent up by Col° Wiggin.

A vote appointing Mr Thornton, Mr Atkinson, Mr Peabody & Mr Joshua Wentworth with such of the Honb^l House as they shall join a Committee to consider of and report some speedy and effectual method for the revision of the laws of this State was brought down from the Honb^l Senate for concurrence, was read and concurred and Col° Payne, Mr Green, Maj^r Whitcomb, Col° Simpson, Col° Dow, Col° Gilman, & Maj^r Gains, joined. Sent up by Col° Wiggin.

Voted, that Col° Wiggin, Capt Foss, Maj^r Pickering, Mr Adams, & Mr Holmes, with such of the Honb^l Senate as they shall join be a * Committee to consider of the account of * 12 : 747
Capt Titus Salter, & report thereon.

Sent up by Col° Wiggin.

Upon reading and considering the Petition of Henry Kinniston, *Voted* that the Petitioner be heard thereon before the General Court on the second Wednesday of their next Session and that in the mean time the Petitioner cause that Capt John Drew of Barnstead be served with a Copy of the Petition and order of Court thereon that he may then appear and shew cause if any he hath why the prayer thereof may not be granted. Sent up by Col° Wiggin.

The Committee on the Petition of Benjamin Dole[1] for wages due to John Dole in one of the New Hampshire Regiments in the service of New Hampshire in the year 1775 Stationed near Cambridge in the Massachusetts Bay Reported that if it shall be found by the Committee on Continental Accounts that his wages have not been paid, that on a certificate from them to the Secretary the President be desired to issue his order on the Treasurer for the sum which shall be found due, Signed, Joseph Gilman for the Committee, which report being read and considered, *Voted*, that it be received and accepted. Sent up by Mr Plummer.

Voted, that George Gains Esqr be and he hereby is appointed sealer of weights and measures for this State until another shall be appointed in his stead and that he be sworn to the faithful discharge of the trust reposed in him, and that he be requested to call on George Jaffrey Esqr for the standard of weights & measures belonging to this State and take charge of the same. Sent up by Mr Plummer.

Voted, that Col° Gilman, Col° Wiggin, & Mr Batcheldor, with such,

[1] xii. Ham. Town Papers, 298.

of the Honb[l] Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of the pay roll of Meshech Bell Commandant at New Castle, also the account of M[r] Benjamin Biggelow and report thereon.

Sent up by Maj[r] Young.

Voted, that Maj[r] Gains, Maj[r] Pickering, & M[r] Betton, with such of the Honb[l] Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of the Petition of Col[o] Samuel Hobart and report thereon.

Sent up by Maj Young.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock P. M.

Met accordingly.

Voted, that the Account of Josiah Gilman Esq[r] amounting to eighty-seven pounds six shillings be allowed and paid out of the Treasury by order of the President.

Sent up by Col[o] Gilman.

* 12 : 748 * *Voted*, that the Honb[l] Woodbury Langdon Esq[r] be and he hereby is appointed a Delegate to represent this State in the Congress of the United States for the term of one year from and after the first Monday in November next unless sooner relieved or recalled by the General Court of this State with all the powers and privileges which other Delegates from this State have heretofore had and enjoyed agreeably to the confederation of the United States.

Sent up by Col[o] Gilman.

Voted, that the Honb[l] Nathanael Peabody Esq[r] be and he hereby is appointed a Delegate to represent this State in the Congress of the United States for the term of one year from and after the first Monday in November next unless sooner relieved or recalled by the General Court of this State, with all the powers & priviledges which other delegates from this State have heretofore had and enjoyed agreeably to the confederation of the United States.

Sent up by Col[o] Gilman.

Voted that the Honb[l] Pierce Long Esq[r] be and he hereby is appointed a Delegate to represent this State in the Congress of the United States for the term of one year from and after the first Monday in November unless sooner relieved or recalled by the General Court of this State with all the powers & priviledges which other delegates from this State have heretofore had and enjoyed agreeably to the confederation of the United States. Sent up by Col[o] Gilman.

Voted, that the Honb[l] George Atkinson Esq[r] be and he hereby is appointed a Delegate to represent this State in the Congress of the United States for the term of one year from and after the first Monday in November next unless sooner relieved or recalled by the General Court of this State with all the powers & priviledges which other delegates from this State have heretofore had and enjoyed agreeably to the Confederation of the United States. Sent up by Col[o] Gilman.

The Committee on the Petition of Daniel Rand & Jedidiah Sangor having considered the matters to them referred Reported, that the vote or Resolve of the late General Court passed the
*eighteenth of February 1785 altering the rank and num- * 12 : 749
ber of two regiments of militia mentioned in said Petition
be repealed, and that the regiment now called number twenty-three be restored to its former rank and be hereafter called and known by number twelve agreeably to the late arrangement of the militia made the tenth of November 1784 and that the regiment now called number twelve be hereafter called and known by number twenty-three agreeably to said arrangement made the 10th of November 1784, — and so continue until some future arrangement be made, Signed, Nathll Peabody by order of the Committee which report being read and considered, motion was made to receive and accept the same, and the yeas and nays being called for were as follows (viz)

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Majr Weeks,	Colo Leavitt,	Colo Wiggin,	Majr Gains,
Mr Plummer,	Colo Bartlett,	Mr Barnard,	Majr Pickering,
Mr Glidden,	Majr Batcheldor,	Colo Waldron,	Mr Batcheldor,
Mr Knowles,	Capt Foss,	Capt Harper,	Capt Eastman,
Mr Brackett,	Colo Gilman,	Mr Bryant,	Capt Morrill,
Mr Smith,	Mr Darling,	Mr Harvey,	Mr Green,
Mr Grout,	Mr Jackman,	Majr Whitcomb,	Majr Wentworth,
Mr Gilmore,	Colo Shephard,	Mr Works,	Colo Badger,
Mr Jewett,	Mr Willard,	Mr Sumner,	Colo Tash,
Mr N Young,	Mr Hooper,	Mr Frink,	Capt Emerson,
Mr Holmes,	Mr Powers,	Mr Kendall,	Mr Adams,
Majr Kimball,	Mr Griffin,	Mr Hoyt,	Mr M Wallace,
Colo Dow,	Mr Worster,	Colo Whipple.	Mr R. Wallace.
Mr J. Young.	Mr Burnam,		

41 Yeas, 13 Nays So the report was accepted.

Upon reading and considering the Petition of Samuel Bayley[1] praying for the priviledge of a ferry over Connecticut river, *Voted*, that the Petitioner be heard thereon before the General Court on the second Thursday of their next Session and that in the mean time the Petitioner cause that the substance of the Petition and order of Court thereon be published in the New Hampshire Gazette three weeks successively — also serve the selectmen of Lebanon with a Copy of said Petition and order thereon that they or any other person may then appear and shew cause if any they have why the prayer thereof may not be granted. Sent up by Colo Bartlett.

* *Voted*, that Colo Bartlett, Colo Waldron, & Capt Sum- * 12 : 750
ner, with such of the Honbl Senate as they shall join be

1. xii. Ham. Town Papers, 386.

a Committee to nominate to this House three proper persons out of whom for one to be appointed a surveyor, agreeably to a recommendation of Congress. Sent up by Col° Bartlett.

An Act permitting a Lottery to raise money for the purpose of erecting a bridge over Sugar river in Claremont, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Col° Bartlett & Col° Whipple.

Adjourned to 8 of clock to morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 1785.

The House met according to adjournment.

Upon reading and considering the Petition of Edwards Bucknam [1] praying for the priviledge of a ferry over the river Connecticut, *Voted* that the Petitioner be heard thereon before the General Court on the second Wednesday of their next Session and that in the mean time the Petitioner cause that the substance of the Petition and order of Court thereon be published three weeks successively in the New Hampshire Gazette also cause that the Selectmen of Northumberland be served with a Copy of the Petition and order of Court thereon that they or any other persons may then appear and shew cause if any they have why the prayer thereof may not be granted.

Sent up by Mr Jenness.

Voted, that Col° Waldron, Mr Emerson, & Maj^r Pickering be a Committee to consider of the account of Mr Ephraim Robinson and report thereon.

Voted, that Mr Green, Col° Bartlett, & Col° Dow with such of the Honb^l Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of a bill presented for giving & granting to the United States in Congress assembled full power and authority to direct and regulate the trade and commerce of this State & report such alterations as they shall judge necessary. Sent up by Mr Jenness.

* 12 : 751 *An act for the better observation and keeping the Lords day was read a third time and passed to be enacted. Sent up by Maj^r Weeks & Mr Jenness.

Voted, that Mr Plummer, Col° Wiggin, and Col° Bartlett, with such of the Honb^l Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of the account of Melcher and Osborne and report thereon.

Sent up by Maj^r Weeks.

Voted, that Maj^r Kimball, and Maj^r Pickering, be added to the Committee on the account of Enoch Barker.

Sent up by Maj^r White.

[1] xii. Ham Town Papers, 353.

Voted, that the account of Josiah Bartlett, John Calfe, and John Parker Esquires, amounting to fourteen pounds, fifteen shillings be allowed and paid out of the Treasury by order of the President.

Sent up by Mr Plummer.

Voted, that the account of Jeremiah Libbey amounting to nine shillings and eight pence for money paid for postage of public letters be allowed and paid out of the Treasury by order of the President.

Sent up by Mr Plummer.

Voted, that the account of the Honbl Ebenezer Thompson Esqr amounting to fifteen pounds, eighteen shillings be allowed and paid out of the Treasury by order of the President.

Sent up by Majr Pickering.

Upon reading and considering the Petition of John Pickering Junr *Voted*, that the Petitioner be heard thereon before the General Court on the second Wednesday of their next Session and that in the mean time the Petitioner cause that Capt John Drew of Barnstead be served with a Copy of the Petition and order of Court thereon that he may then appear and shew cause (if any he hath) why the prayer thereof may not be granted. Sent up by Majr Pickering.

Upon reading and considering the Petition of the Honbl Matthew Thornton Esqr *Voted*, that the Petitioner be heard thereon before the General Court on the second Friday of their next Session & that in the mean time he cause that Robert Smith named in said Petition be served with a Copy thereof and order of Court thereon that he may then appear and shew cause if any he hath why the prayer thereof may not be granted.

Sent up by Majr Pickering.

* *Voted*, that Capt Foss, Mr Plummer, and Mr Glidden, * 12 : 752 with such of the Honbl Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of the Petition of Amos Hagar and report thereon. Sent up by Majr Pickering.

Voted, that the account of George Gains, Esq amounting to thirteen pounds thirteen shillings be allowed and paid out of the Treasury by order of the President. Sent up by Majr Pickering.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock P. M.

Met accordingly.

An Act for regulating Pilotage in the port of Piscataqua came down from the Honbl Senate for concurrence was read three times and *voted*, that it be enacted.

Sent up by Colo Bartlett & Colo Whipple.

The Committee on the account of the Selectmen of Portsmouth, Reported that they have examined said account and find it well vouched and reasonably charged and that the amount of said account

being one hundred and seventy pounds seventeen shillings, & sixpence be allowed, Signed, Otis Baker for the Committee, which report being read and considered, *Voted*, that it be received and accepted, & that the President give order on the Treasury for said sum. Sent up by Mr Worster.

Voted, that the account of the Honbl Samuel Livermore Esqr amounting to nineteen pounds fourteen shillings be allowed and paid out of the Treasury by order of the President.

Sent up by Mr. Worster.

Voted, that the account of the Honbl Josiah Bartlett, Esqr amounting to ten pounds, and two shillings be allowed and paid out of the Treasury by order of the President. Sent up by Mr Jenness.

Voted, that the account of John Calfe Esqr amounting to four pounds ten shillings be allowed and paid out of the Treasury by order of the President. Sent up by Mr Jenness.

Voted, that Mr Ephraim Robinson have and receive out of the Treasury three shillings and seven pence 1/2 penny in full for the ballance of his account and that the President give order accordingly. Sent up by Capt Burnham.

An act to annul and make void two judgements of Court obtained by Margaret Frost against Thomas Pinkham was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Colo Simpson & Capt Foss.

* 12 : 753 *An act to vest the United States in Congress assembled with full power to regulate trade and enter into treaties of Commerce was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Colo Simpson & Capt Foss

Voted, that the account of Lieutn Meshech Bell, amounting to two pounds ten shillings be allowed and paid out of the Treasury by order of the President. Sent up by Capt Burnham.

The following resolve came down from the Honbl Senate for concurrence

State of New Hampsh } In Senate June 22nd 1785.

Resolved, that all notes which shall be issued by the Treasurer from and after the thirty-first day of July next shall bear that date and that all notes which shall be issued in favour of any invalid pensioner shall be in the form prescribed by the act passed the 24th of February last intitled "an act for paying the interest and part of the principal of public securities of this State &c and the Treasurer is hereby further directed that on his receiving any order from the President for depreciation of wages due to any officer or soldier or for half pay to officers widows he shall issue his certificate for twenty-

seven and three quarters per centum of such orders and a note for the remainder also a certificate for the interest as usual.

Sent down for concurrence. John Langdon President.

The same day read and concurred. Sent up by Maj^r Pickering.

Adjourned to 8 o'clock to morrow morning.

THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 1785.

The House met according to adjournment.

An Act to regulate flax seed pot ash and pearl ash for exportation was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Col^o Bartlett and Col^o Simpson

Voted, that the account of Nathanael Adams Esqr amounting to three pounds eighteen shillings be allowed and paid out of the Treasury by order of the President. Sent up by Col^o Simpson.

The Committee to consider of the Petition of Col^o Samuel Hobart Reported that John Parker Esqr Thomas Odiorne Esqr and George Gains Esqr be a Committee to examine every contract & demand between this State and the said Samuel Hobart and make report to the General Court at their next Session, Sign^d M Thornton for the Committee which report being read and considered, *voted* that it be received and accepted. Sent up by Mr Jenness.

*The Committee on the Account of Melcher & Osborne for printing Reported that the same be allowed and *12:754
paid by an order on the Treasurer Signed, Joseph Gilman for the Committee which report being read and considered, *Voted*, that it be received and accepted and that the President give order accordingly for the sum of ninety one pounds one shilling being the amount of said account. Sent up by Mr Jenness.

Voted, that the account of Robert Gerrish amounting to one hundred and six pounds ten shillings be allowed and paid out of the Treasury by order of the President. Sent up by Mr Jenness.

An Act for the regulation of Navigation and commerce was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Maj^r Gains & Capt Burnam.

Voted, that the account of Michael Whidden amounting to eight pounds eight shillings be allowed and paid out of the Treasury by order of the President. Sent up by Maj^r Pickering.

The Committee on the Pay Roll of Lieut^n Meshech Bell Commandant at New Castle, reported that the same is right cast and amounts to the sum of ninety-five pounds six shillings & eight pence. Signed Otis Baker for the Committee which report being read and consid-

ered *Voted*, that it be received and accepted and that the President give an order on the Treasurer for the payment of said sum.

Sent up by Maj^{r} Gains.

Voted, that the account of Benjamin Biggelow amounting to forty eight pounds five shillings and five pence half penny be allowed (as p^{r} report of Committee) and that the said sum be paid out of the Treasury by order of the President. Sent up by Maj^{r} Gains.

The Committee on the account of Mess^{r} Thomas Martin, John Pierce and Joseph Pierce having examined and considered the same with the papers, Vouchers, and evidence offered in support thereof, Reported as their opinion that there be allowed and paid to the said Thomas, John and Joseph out of the Treasury the sum of one hundred and ninety-two pounds lawful money in full of said account. Signed, Nathl Peabody by order of the Committee, which report being read and considered, *Voted*, that it be received and accepted and that the President give order accordingly. Sent up by Mr Knowles.

Voted, that Mark Hunking Wentworth Esqr have and receive out of the Treasury by order of the President the sum of four hundred pounds lawful money towards what is due to him on an account presented to the General Court against the State and that the settlement of said account be postponed to the next Session of said Court.

Sent up by Mr J. Gilman.

* 12 : 755 *The Committee on the Petition of Capt Titus Salter reported that on his returning the orders drawn on the Treasurer by the late Committee of safety in his favour into the Secretary's office, the President be desired to draw an order or orders on the Treasurer to the amount of the orders so returned, also that the President draw on the Treasurer for the ballances due on those pay rolls for his Company which have been paid by him and for which he has not received orders. Signed Otis Baker for the Committee which report being read and considered, *Voted*, that it be received and accepted and that he receive interest for the sums due and that the President give order accordingly. Sent up by Doct^{r} Brackett.

Voted, that his Excellency the President be desired to write to our delegates at Congress informing them that Nathanael Adams Esqr who was appointed a surveyor has declined accepting said appointment and that the General Court nominate Capt Ebenezer Sullivan for that purpose. Sent up by Mr Knowles.

Adjourned to three o'clock P. M.

Met accordingly.

Voted, that the last Thursday in November next be observed and kept as a day of General Thanksgiving throughout this State

and that his Excellency the President with advice of Council issue a proclamation seasonably for that purpose. Sent up by Maj^r Young.

Whereas the act now in force laying an impost on certain goods wares & merchandizes therein mentioned imported into this State may obstruct a free commerce between this State and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts — Therefore *Resolved*, that the operation of said act shall be suspended so far as it respects any goods wares & merchandizes belonging to any citizens of the said Commonwealth of Massachusetts that may be imported into this State, *Provided* the Legislature of said Commonwealth in their present Session repeal their impost act so far as it respects the citizens of this State.

Sent up by Maj^r Young.

Voted, that Mr Sparhawk, Mr Libbey, Mr Adams, Mr Kimball, and Col^o Simpson with such of the Honb^l Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider at what time and to what time and place this General Court shall be adjourned and report thereon.

Sent up by Maj^r Young.

Voted, that George Gains, Esqr be and he hereby is impowered to purchase for the use of the light house at New Castle all the oyl and Cotton that may be wanting from time to time and that he receive the money or monies for that purpose from the Naval officer of this State giving a receipt for the same who is hereby directed to pay the same out of *the light money and that the said Gains be accountable by taking receipts from the Captain of the Fort for any articles delivered him. *12:756

Sent up by Doc^tr Brackett.

Upon reading and considering the Memorial of Col^o Joseph Whipple, *Voted*, that the Commissary General be directed to deliver to the said Col^o Whipple fifty-pounds of powder from the magazine in Portsmouth to be spent on the road which he is employed to repair between Sawco river and a branch of Connecticut river.

Sent up by Mr Plummer.

The Committee on the account of Enoch Barker, Reported as their opinion that it be referred to the Justices of the Honb^l Superior Court and that they be impowered to direct so much of said account as may appear to them reasonable to be paid out of the fines and forfeitures arising in the County of Cheshire, Signed Nathl Peabody for the Committee which report being read and considered, *Voted*, that it be received and accepted. Sent up by Mr Plummer.

The Committee to examine how far the accounts with the Commissioner for the United States are proceeded in towards a settlement having conversed with one of the Present Committee appointed to the settlement of said accounts and find they are in forwardness to a

close, the reason of their not being compleated on principles of large advances by this State to the United States which could not be admitted by the Commissioner without further instructions and many other obstacles which rendered an adjustment impracticable, but very lately the Commissioner has received other instructions which may obviate the difficulty.

Therefore your Committee beg leave to report as their opinion that the Committee already impowered be continued with liberty to hire one or more clerks to assist in the completion of a settlement with the Commissioner and that the same Committee be impowered to settle all such accounts that may be necessary for the settlement of accounts with the United States and certify the same to the President & Council for concurrence and on their approbation the President give order for paying or receiveing ballances which may be found due.

And there being many articles charged by this State to the United States to which no value is affixed that the said committee be impowered to set a price to each and every such article, equitably between this and the United States — and that the said Committee be fully impowered on the part and in behalf of this State to settle & close the accounts between this and the United States,— *12:757 and where *doubts shall arise in cases not particularly provided for by votes Resolves or acts of this State that they apply to the President & Council and that they be impowered to direct therein. Signed Joshua Wentworth, for the Committee, which report being read and considered, *Voted*, that it be received and accepted. Sent up by Maj^r Young.

Adjourned to 8 o'clock to morrow morning.

FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 1785.

The House met according to adjournment.

Voted, that the account of Joseph Pearson Esqr amounting to seventy-two pounds one shilling & six pence 1/2 be allowed and paid out of the Treasury by order of the President.

Sent up by Col^o Gilman.

Voted, that the account of John Williams amounting to four pounds nineteen shillings be allowed and paid out of the treasury by order of the President. Sent up by Col^o Gilman.

Voted, that the Treasurer and Committee on claims be directed to attend the General Court at their next Session with such books & papers as are necessary to transact public business.

Sent up by Col^o Gilman.

Voted, that the account of David Brewster amounting to eleven pounds be allowed and paid out of the Treasury by order of the President. Sent up by Maj^r Young.

The following vote came down from the Honb^l Senate for concurrence

State of New Hamp^r } In Senate June 24th 1785.

Voted, that a Captain be appointed to take the command of Fort William & Mary and that he inlist six good and effective men to serve under him, — That the Captain have six pounds p^r month, the soldiers forty shillings p^r month each with an addition of forty shillings p^r month to the man who takes care of the light house, — the pay to commence from the date of the Captains commission, the soldiers from the time of their muster.

Sent down for concurrence. J Pearson D. Sec^ry.

The same day read and concurred. Sent up by Maj Young.

Voted, that when the business of this Session of the General Court is finished that his Excellency the President with advice of Council be desired to adjourn said Court to meet again at Concord on the third Wednesday in October next at three o'clock in the afternoon. Sent up by Maj^r Young.

* *Voted*, that Mr Joseph Pearson Esqr have and receive out of the Treasury fifty pounds for which he is to be accountable and that the President give order accordingly. * 12 : 758

Sent up by Maj^r Young.

Voted, that the ballance of the account of Nicholas Nicollee amounting to two pounds seventeen shillings be allowed and paid out of the Treasury by order of the President.

Sent up by Maj^r Young.

Voted, that Mr Benjamin Biggelow have and receive out of the Treasury by order of the President thirty pounds to be by him accounted for in furnishing rations to the officer & soldiers at Fort William and Mary. Sent up by Mr Jenness.

Voted, that of the members elected to represent this State in Congress not more than two take a seat in Congress at the same time and that the President with advice of Council be impowered to draw an order on the Treasurer for any sum not exceeding one hundred and twenty pounds to each delegate that shall go forward to Congress or for either of the delegates now at Congress, if there should be occasion for the same they being accountable therefor.

Sent up by Maj^r Young.

The Committee to consider what period shall be affixed, beyond which no demands which are now due and which are properly a Con-

tinental charge be allowed. Reported that all persons having demands on the Treasury which are properly a Continental charge have notice in the New Hampshire Gazzette to exhibit the same before the last day of the next session of the General Court as none can be allowed after that time, — Signed Joseph Gilman for the Committee, which report being read and considered, *Voted*, that it be received and accepted and that the Secretary publish the same accordingly. Sent up by Mr Dow.

Voted, that his Excellency the President with advice of Council be impowered in the recess of the General Court to draw orders on the Treasurer in case of contingencies of any kind for any sum or sums, the whole amount not exceeding one hundred pounds.

Sent up by Mr Dow.

Voted, that John Sparhawk & John Pickering Esqrs with such of [as] the Honbl Senate [as they] shall join be a Committee to procure six hundred printed copies of the Revrd Mr Belknaps Election Sermon forty of which they are to present to him the remainder to be lodged in the Secretary's office to be distributed one to each
* 12 : 759 member of the * General Court one to each minister and one to each town and parish within this State.

Sent up by Colo Dow.

Resolved, that a vote or resolve of the General Court passed the 22d of February last respecting the mode of discipline for the Militia of this State be and hereby is repealed, — And that the regulations contained in a book intitled "Regulations for the order and discipline of the troops of New Hampshire by John Sullivan Major General" be and hereby are established as the rules and orders for regulating and disciplining the Militia within this State and that Major General John Sullivan have and receive out of the Treasury forty-five pounds to be accounted for, and that the President be impowered to grant an order accordingly, and that twelve hundred printed copies of said Book be delivered to the Captain General to be by him distributed among the officers as he may think proper.

Sent up by Mr Dow.

The Secretary came down and gave information that he is directed by his Excellency the President to inform the Honbl House that he hath with advice of [the] Council adjourned the General Court to the third Wednesday in October next 3 o'clock in the afternoon to meet at Concord agreeably to the desire of both branches of the Legislature.

And they are adjourned accordingly.

JOURNAL OF THE SENATE

CONTAINING THE PROCEEDINGS FROM

OCTOBER 19 TO NOVEMBER 10, 1785.

JOURNAL OF THE SENATE.

At a Session of the General Court, begun and held at Concord, on Wednesday, the 19th day of October, Anno Domini, 1785, and of the Sovereignty and Independance of the United States of America the tenth.

Present His Excellency John Langdon, Esquire President

The Honorable John McClary, George Atkinson, Ebenezer Webster, & Frances Worcester, } Esqrs Senators.

Also John Bellows Esqr a member of the Senate, for the County of Cheshire.

THURSDAY, October 20th, 1785.

Present as Yesterday.

With the addition of the Hon. Joseph Gilman, Nathaniel Peabody, Otis Baker and Moses Chase Esquires, — The Hon. John Bellows, Esqr after having the Necessary Oaths administered to him, took his seat In Senate.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate to Consider of a Message this day from his Excellency the President to both houses, and also to report the business most Necessary to be entered on brought up, and Concurred; and Mr Atkinson,

* Mr Gilman and Mr Peabody joined. * 2 : 67

A Vote to hear the Petition of Joseph Drew, on the first Friday of next Session, brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to hear the Petition of Zebulon Marsh, on the Second Wednesday of next Session, brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote appointing a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to consider of the Petition of John Johnson, and report thereon, brought up, read and Concurred; and Mr McCleary joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to

consider of the petition of the Inhabitants of Chester, and report thereon, brought up, read and Concurred and Mr Peabody and Mr Baker joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to consider of the petition of Lt James Crombie, and report thereon, brought up, read and Concurred, and Mr Baker and Mr Bellows joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to consider of the Petition of the Selectmen of Cardigan, and report thereon, brought up, read and Concurred, and Mr McCleary and Mr Chase joined.

A Vote to hear the Petition of Benjamin Bellows, Esqr on the second Wednesday of next Session, brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to pay the account of John Sparhawk and Thomas Martin, amounting to ten pounds Sixteen Shillings brought up, read and Concurred.

FRIDAY, October 21st, 1785.

Present as Yesterday

* 2 : 68 * A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to Consider of the Petition of the Inhabitants of the town of Rochester and all Similar matters, brought up, read and Concurred, and Mr Atkinson, Mr Bellows, Mr Peabody and Mr McCleary joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to Consider of the Petition of Sundry Persons respecting of New market Bridge brought up, read and Concurred, and Mr Gilman Mr Baker and Mr Atkinson joined.

A Vote to pay the roll of Capt Meshech Bell, amounting to eighty pounds, brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate to Consider of the Petition of the Inhabitant of the town of Cardigan, and report thereon, brought up, read and Concurred, and Mr Webster joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to consider of the most expeditious method of revising the Laws of this State, brought up, read and Concurred, and Mr Atkinson, Mr Peabody and Mr Gilman joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to Consider of the Petition of William Glidden, and report thereon, brought up, read and Concurred, and Mr Gilman joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to consider of the Petition of Joseph Morrison, and the petition of Hugh

Montgomery and all Similar matters and report thereon, brought up, read and Concurred, and Mr Peabody and Mr Bellows joined.

A Vote to hear the Petition of Samuel McClintock, on the Second wednesday of next session, brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to consider of the Petition of Charity Lund and Others, and report thereon, brought up, read and Concurred, and Mr Gilman joined.

*A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to confer with a Committee chosen by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, respecting Commerce, brought up, read and Concurred; and Mr Gilman joined. *2:69

SATURDAY, October 22nd 1785.

Present as Yesterday.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to Consider of the Petition of Betty Hickey; and also the petition of the Selectmen of Londonderry, and all Similar matters, brought up, read and concurred, and Mr Webster and Mr Peabody joined.

A Vote granting the prayer of the Petition of Leonard Whiting, and giving him leave to bring in a bill accordingly brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote granting the prayer of the Petition of the Selectmen of Effingham, and giving them leave to bring in a bill accordingly, brought up read and Concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to consider of the Petition of the Inhabitants of the town of Burton; and report thereon, brought up, read and concurred, and Mr Worcester and Mr Baker, joined.

A Vote to hear the petition of Col. Henry Gerrish, on Thursday next, brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to hear the petition of Robert Wise, on thursday next, brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to prepare and lay before the Court a bill to Carry into effect a resolve of Congress, of the 7th of June 1785 respecting Invalids, brought up, read and Concurred, and M Gilman joined.

*A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to view the fort at the Entrance of Piscataqua harbour, and report thereon, brought up, read and Concurred, and Mr Atkinson joined. *2:70

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to re-

vise the table of fees for this State, and report thereon, brought up, read and concurred, and Mr Gilman and Mr Bellows joined.

A vote for the Senate (if they see fit) to meet in committee with the house of Representatives on Monday next, to take under Consideration the State of our public affairs, brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to Consider of the account and Petition of Joseph Bass, and report thereon brought up, read and Concurred, and Mr Baker joined.

MONDAY, October 24th 1785

Present as on Saturday Last.

A Vote to grant the prayer of the petition of John Johnson, brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to hear the petition of John Pickering, Esqr in behalf of the Selectmen of New Castle, (praying for an abatement of the taxes of said town) on the first tuesday of next Session, brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to hear the Petition of Elisha Payne, Esqr and Others, (who pray to have a town erected out of Parts taken of from the towns of Lebanon, Hanover, Enfield, and Canaan,) on the first tuesday of next session, brought up, read and Concurred.

TUESDAY, October 25th, 1785.

Present as Yesterday.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to Consider of the petition of Moses Woodward and report thereon, brought up, read and Concurred.

An Act adjourning the Inferior Court in the County of
*2:71 Rocking*ham, and Court of General Sessions of the Peace, having been read a third time, *voted* that the same be enacted.

The remainder of the day Spent in Committee of both Houses.

WEDNESDAY, October 24th, [26] 1785.

Present as Yesterday

An Act to Impower Capt Carr Leavitt to Collect a Certain tax In Effingham, having been read a third time; *voted* that the same be enacted.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to examine into the State of the treasury, also to Consider of a method for Collecting out Standing debts due to the State, brought up, read and Concurred, and Mr Gilman and Mr Bellows joined.

A Vote to pay the balance of the Account of Benjamin Bigelow, amounting to Eighteen pounds ten Shillings and three pence, brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to consider of the Petition of Nehemiah Kelly and report thereon, brought up, read and Concurred, and Mr Peabody and Mr McCleary joined.

A Vote for the hearings on the Petition of John Pickering, and on the Petition of Henry Kennestone which were ordered for this day, to be post poned to the Second Wednesday of next Session, brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to pay the account of Colonel Thomas Bartlett, amounting to one pound twelve Shillings, brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote for the treasurer to discount with the Selectmen of Alstead, two pounds two shillings and eleven pence, for a tax laid on the e[s]tate of Simon Baxter, an absentee, brought up, read and Concurred.

*A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to consider of the Petition of Mary Gove and report thereon, brought up, read and Concurred, and Mr Baker joined. * 2 : 72

THURSDAY, October 27th 1785.

Present as yesterday, with the addition of Mr Thornton.

A Vote for the hearings on the Petition of David Courrier, on the petition of Major Joseph Kimball and the petition of Ebenezer Torrey, which were ordered for this day to be postponed to some future day in this Session, brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to grant the prayer of the Petition of William Parker, and giving him Leave to bring in a bill to restore a Certain action in law, lost by mistake, brought up; read and Concurred.

A Vote to postpone the hearing on the petition of the Selectmen of Warren, until the second Thursday of next session brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote for Settleing the account of the State and Samuel Hobart, Esqr and for paying him a balance of three hundred and eighty Seven Pounds four Shillings and Six pence, with Interest, brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to grant the prayer of the Petition of the Selectmen of

Cardigan and giving them leave to bring in a bill accordingly, brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote granting to Edwards Bucknam, the exclusive right of keeping a ferry over a certain part of Connecticut River, brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to hear the Petition of Oliver Lawrence, on the Second thursday of next Session, brought up, read and Concurred.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28th 1785.

Present as Yesterday

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Sen-
*2:73 ate, to consider of *the petition of Lemuel Holmes, and report thereon, brought up, read and Concurred, and Mr Baker joined.

A Vote for postponing the hearings on petitions ordered for the 27th Instant, until this day, brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote that the Petition of Jonathan Chesley, in behalf of the town of Barnstead be heard on the first friday of next Session, brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to grant the prayer of the petition of John Smith, and giving him leave to bring in a bill accordingly, brought up, read and Concurred.

An Act to restore Leonard Whiting Esqr to his Law, having been read three times, *Voted*, that the same be enacted.

A Vote to grant the prayer of the Petition of Charity Lund, so far as hath been recommended by the Committee (who examined the same) and giving him leave to bring in a bill accordingly, brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to postpone the hearing of the petition of General John Stark, until the Second Wednesday of next Session, brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to postpone the hearing of the petition of Samuel Baley, to the first tuesday of next Session brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to postpone the hearing of the petition of Benjamin Trip, until the Second Friday of next Session, brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to postpone the hearing of the petition of Major John Young, to some day next week, brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to grant the prayer of the Petition of the Inhabitants of the town of Dearing, and giving them leave to bring in a
*2:74 bill *accordingly, brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to grant the prayer of the petition of the Inhab-

itants of the town of Hancock, and giving them leave to bring in a bill accordingly, brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to hear the petition of Joshua Foss Junr in behalf of the town of Barrington, on the Second Thursday of next Session, brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a committee of the Senate, to Consider of the petition of Ebenezer Britton, The petition of Daniel Moore the petition of Ephraim Adams, and the petition of John Thomas and report thereon, brought up, read and Concurred, and Mr Thornton and Mr Webster joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to consider of the Petition of sundry Inhabitants of the town of Unity and report thereon, brought up, read and Concurred, and Mr M^c-Cleary joined.

A Vote to pay the account of John Parker, Thomas Odiorne and George Gains, Esq'rs amounting to four pounds ten shillings brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to Consider of the Petition of Timothy Balsh, and report thereon brought up, read and Concurred, and Mr Gilman and Mr Bellows joined.

A Vote to accept the report of a Committee appointed to lay out a public road from the river road in Boscawen, to Connecticut river, near Dartmouth College, brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to Consider of the Petition of Daniel Murray, and report thereon, brought up, read and Concurred and Mr Chase joined.

* A Vote granting the prayer of the Petition of Jonathan Mason, and giving him leave to bring in a bill accordingly, brought up, read and Concurred. * 2 : 75

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to consider of the petition of Phebe Colburn, and report thereon, brought up read and Concurred, and Mr Thornton and M^r McCleary joined.

A Vote to pay the account of Timothy Wa[l]ker, Ebenezer Smith and Henry Gerrish, Esq'rs amounting to thirty nine pounds ten Shillings, brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to hear the Petition of the Wardens of Queen's Chapel in Portsmouth, on the Second Thursday of next Session, brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to hear the petition of Nicholas Austin, on the Second Wednesday of next Session, brought up, read and Concurred.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29th 1785.

Present as Yesterday

A Vote for Lieutenant Joseph Huntoon to receive half pay from the time he was reduced, until further order of the General Court, and a Certificate for the Interest of the pay which has been withheld, brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to hear the petition of the Inhabitants of New Chester, on the Second friday of next Session brought up read and Concurred.

A Vote to put of the hearing on the petition of the proprietors of Cockermouth, to the Second Wednesday of next Session of the General Court, brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to consider of the petition of Lieutenant Samuel Potter, and
* 2 : 76 report thereon, brought up, read and Concurred, and Mr * Bellows joined.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31st 1785.

Present as on Saturday last, except Mr Baker.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to Consider of the petition of Daniel Fowle, and report thereon, brought up, read and Concurred, and Mr Peabody and Mr Gilman joined.

A Vote to hear the petition of David Clough, on the Second Wednesday of next Session, brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to hear the petition of Noah Cook, on Wednesday next, brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to pay Mr Jonathan Burr, thirty Shillings, for his service as Chaplain to the General Court this Session, brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to Consider of the Petition of Elijah Weed, and report thereon, brought up, read and Concurred, and Mr Webster joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to Consider of the Account of Colonel David Webster, and report thereon, brought up, read and Concurred, and Mr Bellows and Mr Thornton joined.

A Vote to alter the time of the holding the annual Meeting in the town of Hillsborough, and giveing them leave to bring in a bill accordingly, brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to consider of the Account of Melcher and Osborne, for printing for the

State and report thereon, brought up, read and Concurred, and Mr Gilman joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to Consider of the Petition of the Selectmen and Other Inhabitants of the town of Hillsborough, and report thereon, brought up, read and Concurred and Mr Atkinson joined.

* A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the * 2 : 77
Senate to Consider of the Petition of Nathaniel Bugbee,
and report thereon, brought up, read and Concurred, and Mr Webster joined.

TUESDAY, November 1st 1785.

Present as Yesterday

A Vote to hear the petition of Solomon Robbins, on the second Thursday of next Session, brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote directing the Secretary to Send to Exeter for sundry papers wanted by the Court, brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to consider what allowance shall be made the Officers of the civel list of this State, for their respective service the Current year, brought up, read and Concurred, and Mr McCleary and Mr Thornton joined.

An Act to impower Jonathan Tilton of Kensington, to enter a complaint at the Superior Court of Judicature to be holden at Portsmouth, within and for the County of Rockingham on the fourth tuesday of April next having been read a third time, *voted* that the same be enacted.

WEDNESDAY November 2nd 1785.

Present as Yesterday.

A Vote that the hearing on the Petition of Micah Reed which was Ordered to be on the first Instant, be on this day brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to consider of the Petition of Colonel Hercules Mooney and all
similar Matters, and report thereon, brought * up, read and * 2 : 78
Concurred, and Mr Atkinson and Mr Thornton joined.

A Vote to pay the balance of the account of Abiel Foster, Esqr for his Service as a delegate at Congress, amounting to three hundred and ninety Pounds, brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to grant the prayer of the petition of Swallow Tuckers, and Others for disannexing a part of the town of Holles, and annexing

the same to the town of Raby, and giving the petitioners leave to bring in a bill accordingly, brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to Consider of the Petition of William Fowler, and report thereon, brought up, read and Concurred, and Mr Thornton, and Mr Bellows joined.

A Vote to grant the prayer of the Petition of the Selectmen of Hillsborough, and giving them leave to bring in a Bill, to restore them to their Law, in an action brought against them by one John McClintock, brought up, read and Concurred.

An Act to annul and make void, two jud[g]ments of Court obtained by Margaret Frost, against Thomas Pinkham having been read three times, *voted* that the same be Enacted.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd 1785.

Present as Yesterday.

A Vote that the hearings on the Petition of Brigadier General John Stark, and the Petition of Micah Reed, which were to be heard on the Second instant, be heard on this day, brought up, read and Concurred.

A resolve directing the Treasurer, in his precept for taxes to the town of Walpole, to add the sum of Sixty three pounds five shillings, being the amount of beef Supplied the State in behalf of said town, by Benjamin Bellows Esq and Others, brought up, read and Concurred.

* 2 : 79 *An Act to establish a Certain Judgment of the Quarter Session of the Peace, for the County of Hillsborough, in favor of John Smith against the Selectmen of Peterborough, having been three times read, *voted* that the same be Enacted.

An Act to alter the time of holding the annual town meeting in the town of Hillsborough, was read a third time, and *voted* that the Same be Enacted.

An Act in addition to, and an amendment of an Act passed the General Court of this State, the twenty second of February last e[n]titled "An Act to enable the Selectmen of Washington, to tax certain lands in said town, for purposes therein mentioned," having been read a third time, *voted* that the same be enacted.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to consider of the business, yet necessary to be done at this Session, at what time, and to what place the General Court shall adjourn; also to consider what allowance shall be made the members of Court, for their travel and attendance this Session, brought up, read and Concurred, and Mr Gilman and Mr Peabody joined.

An Act for repealing an Act of this State, e[n]titled "An act to make void all attachments, which has been or hereafter shall be laid, or made on the Estates of persons who have left this State, or any of the United States, and gone over to the enimies, of the said States, since the Commecement of hostilities by Great Britain, or on the estates of any Inhabitants or Subject of Great Britain having been read three times, *voted* that the same be enacted.

A Vote to hear the petition of Barnabas Barker, on *the Second Tuesday of next Session, brought up, read and Concurred. *2:80

A Vote giving leave for a resolve to be brought in, to enable David Gilman, Esqr to notify a town meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Burton, to Choose necessary town Officers, brought up read and Concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to consider of the Petition of Ebenezer Green Esqr and report thereon, brought up, read and Concurred, and Mr Peabody and Mr Thornton joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to prepare and lay before the Court sundry bills, brought up, read and Concurred, and Mr Atkinson joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to consider of the Petition of D. Fowle Esqr and also how and in what manner public Advertizements shall in future be printed, brought up, read and Concurred, and Mr Peabody and M^r McCleary joined.

An Act to revoke a letter of gaurndianship granted by the Honourable Judge of Probate, for the County of Hillsborough appointing Samuel Forster gaurdian of James McCluer having been read three times, *voted* that the same be enacted.

Voted that the Senate and House of Representatives meet in Committee (as soon as may be) to Consider of sundry matters if it be agreeable to the House, sent down for Concurrence by Mr Worcester.

A Vote granting the prayer of the petition of Noah Cook, and giving him leave to bring in a bill accordingly, brought up, read and Concurred.

An Act impowering the Sele[c]tmen of Hancock, to assess the lands in said Hancock, for the purpose of building a meeting house in said Hancock, having been read a third time, *voted* that the same be enacted.

An Act impowering the Selectmen of Dearing, to assess the lands in said Dearing, for the purpose of building a meeting house in said town. *2:81

A Vote to pay Colonel David Webster, in full of his account, for

going to serve extents on sundry towns, in the County of Grafton, the sum of twenty pounds brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to consider of the Account of John Ward Gilman and report thereon, brought up, read and Concurred, and Mr McCleary joined.

A resolve directing the Treasurer of this State, to issue extents against delinquent towns in certain cases; also for issuing Notes, to pay bounties for Soldiers, promised to the towns who procured Soldiers in the year 1781; and the year 1782 agreeable to the Act of Court, brought up, read and Concurred.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4th 1785.

Present as Yesterday.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to consider of the Petition of John Morrison, and report thereon, brought up, read and Concurred, and Mr McCleary joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to consider of a bill, before the house relative to highways, and report thereon, brought up, read and Concurred, and Mr Peabody and Mr Bellows joined.

A Vote to grant to Micah Reed of Westmoreland, the exclusive right of keeping a ferry over a Certain part of * Connecticut River, and giving him leave to bring in a bill accordingly, brought up, read and Concurred.

* 2 : 82

A Vote directing the treasurer of this State, to issue a note in favour of Thomas Odiorne, to make up a deficiency lost in one given up, brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to allow Thomas Bugbee, depreciation of wages, as other Soldiers in like circumstances have received, brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote granting the prayer of the petition of Nehemiah Kelly, and discharging said Kelly from Exeter goal, brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to consider of the Account of Joseph Pearson, Esqr and report theron, brought up, read and Concurred, and Mr Peabody and Mr McCleary joined.

A Vote to advance Benjamin Bigelow, out of the treasury, thirty pounds, which he is to account for as agent victualler, brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to add Colonel Christopher Toppan to the Committee, on necessary business, brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to hear the petition of George Clark on the Second Tuesday of next Session, brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to hear the petition of Benjamin Crombie, on the Second Tuesday of next Session, brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to pay the Account of Benjamin Huntoon, and Benjamin Pettingal, amounting to one pound Seven shillings, for taking an Inventory of a place called Kiersarge Gore, brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote appointing Timothy Walker, Esqr one of the delegates to represent this State in Congress, brought up, read and Concurred.

* A Vote to pay Capt. Daniel Moore, twenty seven pounds, * 2 : 83
for his services and losses in the expedition against Rhode Island in the year 1778, brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote appointing Samuel Livermore, Esqr one of the delegates, to represent this State in Congress, brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote that one Quarter Master, shall be appointed in each company of light horse, brought up, read and Concurred.

An Act for establishing a former town meeting, held in Cardigan, having been read three times, *voted* that the same be enacted.

An Act to vest the exclusive privilege of keeping a ferry over a certain part of Connecticutt river, in Jonathan Masson of Lime his heirs and assigns having been read three times, *voted*, that the same be enacted.

SATURDAY, November 5th 1785.

Present as Yesterday, except Mr Atkinson.

A Vote that the board of war, and Collector of rum, prepare and lay their accounts before the General Court, on the Second day of next Session, brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to consider of the Petition of Solomon Willard, and report thereon, brought up, read and Concurred, and Mr Bellows and Mr Thornton joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to consider of the Petition of Richard Jenness Esqr, and report thereon, brought up, read and Concurred, and Mr Peabody and Mr M^c-Cleary joined.

* A vote granting the prayer of the petition of J. Prentice, in behalf of Joanna Chapman, and giving her leave to * 2 : 84
bring in a bill accordingly, brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote desiring his Excellency the President, to write to John Peirce, Esqr pay master General requesting him to Send an Account of what sums are to be charged the Soldiers, in Col. Hazen's and Col. Warner's regiments, brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote to grant John Thomas, ten pounds, in full for a horse lost in the war, brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote that the towns of Lincoln and Franconia may be set off from the district, including Campton Thornton and New Holderness for the purpose of Choosing a representative, and joined to some other district, brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to consider of the Petition of Col Brewster, and all similar Matters and report thereon, brought up, read and concurred, and Mr Peabody and Mr Bellows joined.

A Vote to pay the Account of Robert Gerrish, amounting to one hundred and Seven Pounds ten shillings, for printing for the State, brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote that the Senate and House of Representatives, and their Officers, have and receive the same allowance for travel and attendance at this Session, as they were voted last Session, and that the Secretary and Clerk make up the rolls accordingly, brought up, read and Concurred.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7th 1785.

Present as Yesterday

An Act to restore Noah Cook, of New Ipswich, in said State, to his law, having been read a third time, *voted*, that the same be enacted.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Sen-
* 2 : 85 ate, to consider * of the account of Nathaniel Peabody and Joseph Gilman, Esquires, and report thereon, brought up, read and Concurred, and Mr Thornton and M^{r} McCleary joined.

A Vote to pay the Account of Melcher and Osborne, in full of this day, amounting to eighty one pounds four shillings, for printing for the State, brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate to consider of the Petition of Capt Sumner, and report thereon, brought up, read and Concurred, and Mr Webster joined.

A Vote to postpone the hearing on the petition of Major John Young, to some day next week, brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to consider of and devise some method for Supplying the Delegates of

this State, at Congress, with monies for their necessary expenditures, and report thereon, brought up, read and Concurred, and Mr McCleary, Mr Thornton and Mr Peabody joined.

TUESDAY, November 8th 1785.

Present as Yesterday.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to consider of the account of Joseph Gilman, Esqr and report thereon, brought up, read and Concurred, and Mr Peabody and Mr McCleary joined.

A Vote to pay the Account of Nathaniel Peabody and Joseph Gilman, Esquires, amounting to seven pounds fourteen shillings for expences at the sale of the excise for the County of Rockingham, brought up, read and Concurred.

* A Vote to accept the report of the Committee on the * 2 : 86
Petition of Col. William Simpson, so far as the treasurer
take Order to credit the town of Orford, for the sums mentioned therein, at the same rates, as though the said sums had been paid to the treasurer by those collectors respectively, at the dates of those receipts, provided said receipts agree with the Schedule exhibited by Major Child, for the Settlement of his public account, brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote that the members of the Hon. Council, be allowed nine shillings per day, and the same travelling fees, as the members of the General Court, and their Secretaries the same as was allowed them the last year, brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to pay the Account of John Ward Gilman amounting to twelve pounds, for engraving for the State, as per his account, brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote directimg the Treasurer to credit the town of Keene on their outstanding taxes, for the year 1781, eleven pounds seventeen shillings and one farthing, new emission money, and Sixteen shillings and five pence, Silver money, it being for taxes levied on the estates of Dr Josiah Pomeroy and Elijah Williams, absentees from said town, brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the senate, to Consider of the Petition of James Taylor and John Young, and report thereon, brought up, read and Concurred, and Mr Bellows joined.

A Vote to pay Ebenezer Brewster, Esqr by discount out of taxes, the sum of ninety three pounds two shillings and Seven pence, and

also Interest on such part of his account, as is charged for beef and flour, brought up, read and Concurred.

*2:87 *A Vote to accept the report of the Committee appointed to Consider of the petition of Richard Jenness, Esqr one of the administrators of the Estate of Richard Jenness, Esqr deceased, allowing said administrators to pay and discharge the bond mentioned in his said petition in the following manner, viz. by discounting out of said bond, at the date thereof, the amount of the balance due from the Estate of John Wentworth, Esqr late governor of the province of new Hampshire, to said deceased, as the same shall be certified by the judge of Probate, and that the remainder of said bond be reckoned with Interest from the time promised for payment, and received by the Treasurer in public Securities of this State, brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to hear the petition of the Inhabitants of Hamstead on the Second Wednesday of next Session, brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to hear the Petition of David Corser and Others on the Second Wednesday of next Session, brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to report a plan for employing a person to ride post through the State; also to consider in what manner the excise shall be Collected in future, brought up, read and Concurred, and Mr Gilman and Mr Peabody joined.

The bill to prevent the bodies of debtors from being Imprisoned, &c. having been read and debated, *voted* that a message be sent to the house, proposing the following addition to the bill, "Pro-

*2:88 vided nevertheless, that nothing in this *Act shall extend to, or be construed to extend so as to effect any Securities bottomed on silver or gold, which may be given from, and after the first day of January next; sent down by Mr Peabody, and was brought up, by Mr Dow and M^r McMurphy, with a Verbal message, that the house adhere to their former vote; the bill was sent down again with the following proposed amendment.

To be and Continue in force, for and during the term of two years and no longer, which amendment was agreed to by the house.

An Act to prevent the bodies of Debtors from being taken in execution, when real and personal Estate can be found, or is tendered to satisfy the demand, having been read a third time it was voted that the same be enacted.

A Vote to hear the Petition of William Fowler, on the Second tuesday of their next Session, brought up, read and Concurred.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9th 1785.

Present as Yesterday.

A Vote impowering the President with advice of Council, to draw Orders on the treasurer in favor of Delegates, for such sum or sums as may be judged expedient, taking Care not to advance more than one Hundred pounds, to any one delegate on his first entering on the business of his appointment, brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote granting the prayer of the petition of Moses Dow Esqr in behalf of the inhabitants of Rumney and Plymouth and giving them leave to bring in a bill accordingly, brought up read and Concurred.

A Vote that James Taylor and John Young, on their getting certificates from the Committee, on depreciation for what is due to them, the President shall give orders for their receiving notes for the same, brought up, read and concurred.

* A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to nominate proper persons, for a Committee to receive and examine all accounts that may be laid before them where the State is concerned, brought up, read and Concurred, and Mr Peabody, Mr Chase and Mr Thornton joined. * 2 : 89

A Vote that the town of Claremont, have credit for Samuel Green Allen, as one of their quota of Soldiers, brought up read and Concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate to consider of the petition of Silvester Tiffany, and the petition of Joshua Young, and all Similar Matters, brought up, read and Concurred, and Mr Bellows and Mr McCleary joined.

A Vote to hear the petition of Isaac Butterfield on the Second Thursday of next Session, brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to hear the petition of Several persons, relative to the Situation of New market bridge, on the Second Wednesday of the next Session, brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to hear the Petition of the town of Hillsborough on the second thursday of next Session brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to hear the Petition of Peter Green, Esqr in behalf of Jacob Doyne, on the Second Wednesday of next Session, brought up read and Concurred.

A Vote desiring his Excellency, to write to the Several Executives in the Union and request to know whether their assemblies have, or are likely to join with this and Massachusetts, in their commercial opposition * to Great Britain whether they have empowered Congress to regulate commerce, or have passed, or probaly will pass acts Similar to those enacted by this and the Massa- * 2 : 90

chusetts State in June last respecting navigation and Commerce, and lay such Information before the General Court, at their next Session, as he shall receive, brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote directing the Treasurer to proceed in the most expeditious manner, for Collecting outstanding taxes, by calling on delinquent constables and Collectors, or issuing extents as occasion may require, brought up, read and Concurred.

An Act to empower Samuel Pilsbury to Collect certain taxes in the town of Londonderry, having been read a third time, voted that the same be enacted.

A Vote to pay the account of John Calfe, Esqr amounting to six pounds six shillings and four pence, brought up, read and Concurred.

An Act for the recovery of Small debts, in an expeditious way and manner, having been read a third time, voted that the same be enacted.

A Vote that Thomas Bartlet, Christopher Toppan, and John Prentice, Esq'rs for the County of Rockingham, that John Waldron, John Wentworth and Otis Baker, Esq'rs for the County of Strafford, Robert Means, Moses Nichols and Robert McGregore Esq'rs for the County of Hillsborough, Simeon Olcott, John Bellows, and Benjamin Sumner, for the County of Cheshire, Moses Dow, William Simpson, and Elisha Payne Esq'rs for the County of Grafton, be committees in their respective Counties, to make sale of the excise in their said Several Counties, for the Current year, agreeable to the laws of this State brought up, read and Concurred

A Vote to pay William Dana, twelve pounds fifteen shil-
* 2 : 91 lings * and four pence, for his Service as Commissary for recruits at Amherst, in the Year 1782, brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to pay Joseph Pearson, Esqr the balance of his account amounting to Seventy Seven pounds seven Shillings, brought up, read and Concurred.

THURSDAY, November 10th 1785.

Present as Yesterday.

A resolve appointing Joseph Gilman and Josiah Gilman Esq'rs commissioners, jointly or severally, to settle all accounts between this State and individuals, was passed and sent down for Concurrence, by M^r McCleary, which resolve was brought up, Concurred by the House.

A Vote to pay Timothy Balsh, twenty five pounds, in full for his services for Carrying public papers, &c, brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to prolong the time for receiving demands against the State, which are a Continental Charge, until the last day of the next Session of the General Court, brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to pay the accouut of Joseph Gilman, Esqr amounting to forty nine pounds and five shillings, for the use of a room for the Secretary's office, &c, to November 1785, brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to pay Major Isaac Fry, fifty-eight Shillings for two drums he procured for the State, brought up, read and Concurred.

An Act in addition to and amendment of an Act entitled "An act for repealing all the laws heretofore made by the province, Coloney or State of New Hampshire, relating to killing Wolves, and for fixing the premiums hereafter to be given for killing those Animals, passed *the Seventeenth of January 1782," hav- *2:92
ing been read a third time, *voted*, that the same be enacted

A Vote to pay the account of Caleb Buswell, amounting to five pounds five shillings, for his service, as doorkeeper to the house of Representatives brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to allow Capt Ebenezer Green, wages and depreciation while in service, and during his being an hostage, brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to postpone the further consideration of the petition of Major John Young, to the Second Wednesday of next Session, brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote to establish post riders through several parts of this State, also, granting one Hundred pounds for said purpose; that his excellency the President, with advice of council, appoint post masters and post riders, also to fix the postage of letters brought up, read and Concurred.

A resolve authorizing the Several Judges of Probate, to lengthen the time (not exceeding Six months) for receiving the Claims of the creditors on the confiscated estates of absentees from this State, brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote directing the Committee for selling the excise in the County of Rockingham, like wise to sell some Medicines belonging to the State, now in the care of the board of war, brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote directing the Secretary to furnish the printers of New Hampshire newspapers, with a Copy of all public acts that have been passed this Session, brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote allowing James Norris, eleven pounds and Six pence for several journies by order of the State, as per his account brought up, read and Concurred.

*2:93 *A Vote to hear the Petition of Oliver Wright, on the Second Wednesday of the next Session, brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote desiring his Excellency the President with advice of Council, to adjourn the General Court to Wednesday the first day of February next, then to meet at Portsmouth and that the General Court, which is to meet on the first Wednesday of June next, shall be holden at Concord, brought up, read and Concurred.

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OCTOBER 19 TO NOVEMBER 10, 1785.

A JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HONB.L HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

FOR THE

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE,

At their Session began and holden at Concord in said State on Wednesday the 19th day of October Anno Dom 1785 and in the ninth year of the Independance of America.

* 13 : 1 * WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1785.

Several Members met but there not being a quorum to transact business, agreed to adjourn to nine o'clock to morrow morning.

THURSDAY OCTOBER 20 1785.

The House met according to adjournment.

Upon reading and considering the petition of Joseph Drew, *Voted*, that the Petitioner be heard thereon before the General Court on the first Friday of their next Session and that in the mean time the Petitioner cause that Jonathan Ham of Madbury be served with a copy of the Petition and order of Court thereon that he may then appear and shew cause (if any he hath) why the prayer thereof may not be granted. Sent up by Mr Mc Murphy.

Voted that Mr Prentice, Mr Pickering, Colo Whipple, Colo Toppan, Colo Payne, Colo Shephard, & Colo Green with such of the Honbl Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of a Message from his Excellency this day received and report the business necessary first to be entered upon and done at this session.

Sent up by Mr Mc Murphy.

Voted that Maj^r Gains, Col^o Hill, & Maj^r Weeks with such of the Honb^l Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of the Petition of John Johnson, a prisoner in Portsmouth Goal and report thereon. Sent up by Col^o McMillan.

Upon reading and considering the Petition of Zebulun Marsh, *Voted* that the Petitioner be heard thereon before the General Court on the Second Wednesday of their next Session and that in the mean time the Petitioner cause that Edward Hilton of New Market be served with a copy of the Petition & order of Court thereon that he may then appear and shew cause (if any he hath) why the prayer thereof may not be granted. Sent up by Col^o McMillan.

* 13 : 2 * *Voted* that Mr Duncan, Mr Wallace, & Mr Smith, with such of the Honb^l Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of the Petition of the Inhabitants of New Chester [1] and report thereon. Sent up by Col^o McMillan.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock P. M.

Met accordingly.

Voted that Mr Betton, Mr Duncan, & Col^o Hill with such of the Honb^l Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of the Petition of the Selectmen of Cardigan [2] & report thereon.

Sent up by Col^o Bartlett.

Voted that Maj^r Weeks, Doct^r Bracket, Mr Betton, Mr Bartlett, and Maj^r Whitcomb with such of the Honb^l Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of the Petition of Lieu^t Jonathan Crombie and all similar matters and report thereon.

Sent up by Col^o Bartlett.

Upon reading and considering the Petition of Genl Benjamin Bellows, [3] praying for the privilege of a Ferry, *Voted*, that the Petitioner be heard thereon before the General Court on the Second Wednesday of their next Session and that in the mean time the Petitioner cause that the substance of the Petition & order of Court thereon be published in the New Hampshire Gazette, three weeks successively, — also cause that a Copy of said Petition & order be posted up in some public place in the Towns of Westmoreland & Walpole three weeks at least before the time of hearing that any person or persons may then appear and shew cause if any they have why the prayer thereof may not be granted. Sent up by Col^o Welch.

Voted that the account of John Sparhawk, & Thomas Martin Esq^rs amounting to ten pounds, sixteen shillings be allowed and paid out of the Treasury by order of the President. Sent up by Col^o Welch.

Voted, that Mr Sparhawk, Col^o Bartlett Maj^r Gains, Mr Adams, and Maj^r Weeks, with such of the Honb^l Senate as they shall join be

1. xii. Ham. Town Papers, 200. 2. xiii. Ham. Town Papers, 122. 3 xiii. Ham. Town Papers, 608.

a Committee to consider of the Petition[1] of a Number of the Inhabitants of the County of Rockingham respecting a bridge over Exeter River at the Town of New Market & report thereon.

Sent up by Capt Spaulding.

* *Voted,* that Colo Hill, Colo Bartlett, & Mr Adams, with * 13 : 3
such of the Honbl Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of the Petition of the Inhabitants of Cardigan[2] & report thereon. Sent up by Capt Spaulding.

Voted, that Majr Gains, Mr McMurphy & Colo Gilman with such of the Honbl Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of the Petition of William Glidden[3] & report thereon.

Sent up by Capt Spaulding.

Voted, that Majr Weeks, Mr Duncan, Colo Gilman, Majr Whitcomb, Mr Emerson, Colo Putnam, Colo Payne, Mr Bryant, Mr Young & Mr Jackman with such of the Honbl Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of a Petition from the town of Rochester[4] and all similar matters and report thereon. Sent up by Capt Spaulding.

Voted, that the Pay Roll of Capt Meshech Bell commandant at New Castle amounting to Eighty pounds be allowed & paid out of the Treasury by order of the President. Sent up by Mr Bryant.

Voted, that Genl Sullivan, Colo Bartlett, Mr Duncan, Colo Payne, & Colo Gilman with such of the Honbl Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of the most expeditious method for revising the Laws of this State, & report thereon. Sent up by Mr Bryant.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to morrow morning.

FRIDAY, October 21, 1785.

The House met according to adjournment.

Voted, that Mr Prentice, Colo Bartlett, Mr Adams, Mr Jenness and Majr Whitcomb with such of the Honbl Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of the Petition of Joseph Morrison, & Hugh Montgomery and all similar matters & report thereon.

Sent up by Colo Green.

Upon reading and considering the Petition of the Revrd Samuel McClintock, *Voted,* that the Petitioner be heard thereon before the General Court on the Second Wednesday of their next Session and that in the mean time he cause that James Nudd & Margaret, his wife, also Thomas Dearborn & Susanna his wife be served with a Copy of the Petition & order of Court thereon that they or either of

1. xiii. Ham. Town Papers, 34. 2. xiii. Ham. Town Papers, 122. 3. Id. 94. 4. Id. 341.

them may then appear and shew cause if any they have why the prayer thereof may not be granted.

Sent up by Mr Pickering.

* 13 : 4 * *Voted*, that Colo Green, Mr Marsh, & Colo Payne, with such of the Honbl Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of the Petition of Charity Lund, William McClure, Thomas McClure and Samuel Foster and report thereon.

Sent up by Mr Pickering.

Voted, that this House resolve themselves into a Committee of the whole in conjunction with the Honbl Senate if they see fit to take under consideration as soon as may be the requisition of Congress of the 27th of September last. Sent up by Mr Plummer,

Upon hearing and considering the Petition of Swallow Tucker[1] and others Inhabitants of Raby — *Voted*, that the prayer thereof be granted and that the Petitioners have leave to bring in a bill accordingly. Sent up by Capt Spaulding.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock P. M.

Met accordingly.

Voted, that John Sparhawk, Esqr & the Honbl Joshua Wentworth Esqr with such other person as the Honbl Senate shall appoint be a Committee to confer with the Committee chosen by the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts concerning the regulation of Commerce and report thereon. Sent up by Majr Pickering.

Voted, that Mr Dow, Colo Hill, & Colo Gilman, with such of the Honbl Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of the Petition of Betty Hickey, also the Petition of the Select men of Londonderry and all similar matters and report thereon.

Sent up by Mr McMurphy.

Upon reading and considering the Petition of Leonard Whiting Esqr *Voted* that the prayer thereof be granted and that he have leave to bring in a bill accordingly. Sent up by Mr McMurphy.

The Committee on the Petition of Charity Lund & others reported that an Act or Resolve pass the General Court revoking the said letter of Guardianship. — Signed, Joseph Gilman, for the Committee, which report being read and considered, *Voted*, that it be received and accepted & that the said Charity hath leave to bring in a bill accordingly. Sent up by Mr Wallace.

* 13 : 5 * *Voted*, that Colo Green, Colo Gilman & Mr Duncan with such of the Honbl Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of the Petition of the Inhabitants of Burton[2] and report thereon. Sent up by Mr Wallace.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to morrow morning.

1. xi. Ham. Town Papers, 244, 245. 2. xi. Ham. Town Papers, 7.

SATURDAY, October 22 1785.

The House met according to adjournment.

Upon reading and considering the Petition of the Selectmen of Effingham praying that Capt Carr Leavitt may be empowered to collect the taxes in Effingham which were committed to John Leavitt Esqr now deceased to Collect. *Voted*, that the prayer thereof be granted & that the Petitioners have leave to bring in a bill accordingly. Sent up by Mr Wallace.

Upon reading and considering the Petitions of Henry Gerrish Esqrs & Robert Wise praying for the priviledge of a Ferry across Merrimac River from Northfield to Salisbury, *Voted*, that the Petitioners be heard thereon before the General Court on Thursday next and that in the mean time the Petitioners cause that the Selectmen of Northfield, also the Selectmen of Salisbury be served with a Copy of the Petitions & orders of Court thereon that they may then appear and shew cause (if any they have) why the prayer thereof may not be granted. Sent up by Mr Foss.

Voted, that Enoch Barker have and receive out of the Treasury Nine Pounds in full for his journey to Charlestown on public business, horse hire, expenses, etc., and that the President give order accordingly. Sent up by Mr Foss.

Voted, that Genl Sullivan Mr Pickering, & Colo Green with such of the Honbl Senate as they shall join be a Committee to prepare and lay before this House a bill to carry into effect a Resolve of Congress of the 7th of June 1785, Respecting Invalids.

Sent up by Mr Foss.

Voted, that Mr Betton, Colo Toppan, & Colo Whipple be a Committee to wait on the Committee appointed by this State to settle the accounts between this and the United States and obtain intelligence how far they have proceeded in the settlement of said accounts and report to this House.

* *Voted*, that Colo Toppan, Majr Gains, & Colo Bartlett, * 13 : 6 with such of the Honbl Senate as they shall join be a Committee to view the Fort at the entrance of Piscataqua Harbour and report to this Court at their next Session what repairs they judge necessary. Sent up by Mr Prentice.

Voted, that this House Resolve themselves into a Committee of the whole in conjunction with the Honbl Senate if they think fit to meet on Monday next to take under consideration the state of our public affairs and report thereon. Sent up by Mr Prentice.

1. xi. Ham. Town Papers, 205.

Voted, that Gen[l] Sullivan, M[r] Sparhawk, M[r] Duncan, M[r] Hall, & Col[o] Payne with such of the Honb[l] Senate as they shall join be a Committee to revise the table of fees for this State and report a bill for that purpose. Sent up by M[r] Prentice.

The Committee on the Petition of John Johnson, reported that the prayer of said Petition be granted and that the Petitioner be discharged when he has paid prison charges. — Signed John M[c]Clary, for the Committee, which report being read and considered — *Voted*, that it be received and accepted. Sent up by M[r] Batcheldor.

Voted, that the account of Doct[r] Mark How amounting to four pounds one shilling and eight pence, for visits and medicines to Continental Soldiers be allowed and paid out of the Treasury by order of the President. Sent up by M[r] Batcheldor.

Upon reading and considering the petition of Elisha Payne Esq[r], and others[1] praying that part of Lebanon, Hanover, Enfield, and Canaan may be erected and Incorporated into a town. *Voted*, that the Petitioners be heard thereon before the General Court on the first Tuesday of their next Session and that in the mean time the Petitioners cause that the substance of the Petition and order of court thereon, be published in one of the New Hampshire papers three weeks successively — also cause that the Selectmen of Lebanon, Hanover, Enfield and Canaan be served seasonably with a Copy of said Petition & order thereon that any person or persons may then appear and shew cause (if any they have) why the prayer thereof may not be granted. Sent up by M[r] Batcheldor.

*13:7 * *Voted*, that M[r] Sparhawk, Col[o] Gilman, M[r] Cragin, M[r] Works, & Col[o] Whipple with such of the Honb[l] Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of the Petition & account of Maj[r] Joseph Bass and all similar matters & report thereon.

Sent up by M[r] Batcheldor.

Upon reading and considering the Petition of the Inhabitants of New Castle praying for an abatement of a part of their State Tax, *Voted*, that the Petitioners be heard thereon before the General Court on the first Tuesday of their next Session.

Sent up by Cap[t] Harper.

Adjourned to Monday next at 3 o'clock P. M.

MONDAY, October 24th 1785.

The House met according to adjournment.

Voted, that M[r] E. Pickering, Col[o] Payne, and Col[o] Gilman, with

1. xii. Ham. Town Papers, 385.

such of the Honb[l] Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of the Petition of Cap[t] Moses Woodward and report thereon.

Sent up by M[r] Wallace.

Agreeably to a Vote of Saturday last, the Honb[l] Senate and House being met in a Committee of the whole to take under consideration the State of our Public affairs — His Excellency, John Langdon, Esq[r] appointed chairman — first took into consideration whether the operation of the Navigation Act passed the last Session should be suspended; and after much debate thereon agreed to postpone the determination thereof till tomorrow morning — The Committee then rose with leave to meet again, and the Speaker resumed the chair.

The House then adjourned to 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

TUESDAY, October 25th 1785.

The House met according to adjournment.

An Act for adjourning the Inferior Court in the County of Rockingham and Court of General Sessions of the Peace was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Col[o] Green and M[r] Knowles.

An act to empower Cap[t] Carr Leavitt, to collect a certain Tax in Effingham, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Col[o] Green and M[r] Knowles.

The Honb[l] Senate & House being again met in Committee of the whole His Excellency the President in the chair proceeded to the further consideration of the * Suspension of the Operation of the Navigation Act and came to the following vote — *Voted*, that the operation of said Act be not suspended — Proceeded to consider of the propriety of corresponding with the other States in the union respecting the Regulation of Commerce and came to the following vote thereon — *Voted*, that His Excellency the President be desired to write the several Executives in the union & request to know whether their Assemblies have, or are likely to join with this State & Massachusetts in their commercial opposition to great Britian — whether they have empowered Congress to regulate Commerce or have passed, or probably will pass Acts similar to those enacted by this & the Massachusetts States in June last respecting Navigation & Commerce and lay such information before the General Court at their next Session.

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Proceeded to consider of Sundry Petitions for relieving the distresses of the Inhabitants of this State, relative to the want of a circulating medium of trade, or for devising some method of discharging debts — and after some debate thereon agreed to postpone the

further consideration thereof, till 3 o'clock in the afternoon — the Committee then rose with leave to sit again, and the Speaker resumed the chair.

The House then adjourned to 3 o'clock P. M.

The House met according to adjournment.

An Act to restore Leonard Whiting Esqr to his law was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Mr Prentice & Col^o White.

The Honb^l Senate & House being again met in Committee of the whole His Excellency the President in the chair again took under consideration to devise some method for relieving the difficulties the Inhabitants of this State labour under for want of a circulating medium of trade and the emitting of paper money being petitioned for, a vote was called whether paper money should be emitted by this State and it was unanimously voted in the Negative. Nextly took under consideration whether creditors should be obliged to take real or personal estate in satisfaction for Executions and came to the following vote.

* 13:9 * *Voted*, that when a debtor shall offer real or personal estate in satisfaction for an execution his body shall be exempt, if he consent that the creditor shall have his choice what part of the said debtors estate he will take. The Committee then took under consideration the propriety of ordering the Treasurer to issue extents for outstanding taxes and after some debate thereon, agreed to postpone the further consideration thereof, till tomorrow morning and the Speaker resumed the chair.

The House then adjourned to 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, October 26, 1785.

The house met according to adjournment.

The Honb^l Senate and House being again met according to adjournment His Excellency the President in the chair proceeded to consider further of the propriety of issuing extents for outstanding taxes and agreed that a committee be appointed in the separate branches of the Legislature, to enquire of the Treasurer respecting outstanding Taxes and report the sums outstanding and the length of time they have been due.

Then took under consideration to devise some method that holders of public property and money should be obliged to account and that the most speedy method should be taken to close the public accounts of this State, and *Voted*, that a person or persons be appointed by the legislature for that purpose.

Voted, that Col° Green, Col° Payne, Col° Peabody, Genl Sullivan, & Mr Prentice be a Sub Committee to prepare and lay before this Committee a Bill to carry into effect a vote of yesterday respecting obliging creditors to take real or personal estate in satisfaction of Executions. The Committee then rose with leave to sit again and the Speaker resumed the chair.

Voted, that Mr Sparhawk, Mr Duncan, Col° Payne, Col° Waldron, & Mr Frink, with such of the Honb^l Senate as they shall join be a Committee to enquire of the Treasurer what sums are now due for outstanding Taxes and what length of time they have been due, also to consider what method shall be taken for collecting what is due for deficiencies of Soldiers and in what manner the State shall pay the Twenty pounds promised to those towns or classes who procured their soldiers agreeably to an Act of this State passed January 12th 1781 and report thereon. Sent up by Col° Gilman.

* *Voted*, that the ballance of the account of Benjamin Biggelow amounting to eighteen pounds ten shillings & three pence be allowed and paid out of the Treasury by order of the President. * 13 : 10 Sent up by Mr Foss.

Voted, that Col° McMillan, Col° Toppan, & Col° Gilman, with such of the Honb^l Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of the Petition of Nehemiah Kelley and report thereon.

Sent up by Mr Foss.

Voted, that the town of Alstead be allowed two pounds two shillings & eleven pence out of their State Taxes, it being for the Tax laid on lands of Simon Baxter an Absentee and that the President give the Selectmen of Alstead an order on the Treasurer for said sum. Sent up by Mr Foss.

Voted, that the hearings on the Petitions of John Pickering, Junr & Henry Kinniston, which were to have been this day before the General Court be postponed to the second Wednesday of the next Session and that all persons concerned are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly. Sent up by Col° Waldron.

Voted that the account of Thomas Bartlett Esqr amounting to one pound twelve shillings be allowed and paid out of the Treasury by order of the President. Sent up by Col° Waldron.

Voted, that Col° Bartlett, Maj^r Gains & Capt Spaulding with such of the Honb^l Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of the Petition of Mary Gove, also the Petition of James Taylor[1] and report thereon. Sent up by Col° Waldron.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock, P. M.

[1] xii. Ham. Town Papers, 592.

Met accordingly.

The Committee appointed the 23d of June last to examine every account contract and demand between this state and Colo Samuel Hobart and make report to the General Court at their next Session. Reported that they have carefully examined said accounts and find a ballance of three hundred & eighty seven pounds four shillings & six pence lawful money due to said Samuel Hobart — We also find that there is now *in the hands of said Hobart Seventeen hundred & twelve pounds of ungranulated powder belonging to this State.

*13 : 11

Also that there is in the hands of said Hobart Sixty Six pounds five shillings & six pence paper money of the old emission being a ballance of a pay roll now due to soldiers, — we beg leave further to observe that the above ballance has been due upwards of five years & that Interest be allowed upon it.

Signed John Parker, Thomas Odiorne, George Gains. } Committee.

Which report being read and considered, — *Voted*, that it be received and accepted and that the President give order on the Treasury for the said sum of Three Hundred & Eighty seven pounds four shillings and six pence with the interest for the same for said five years and that Christopher Toppan Esqr & Joseph Gilman Esqr be a Committee to take into custody the ungranulated Powder now in the hands of Colo Hobart and dispose of the same to the best advantage for the use of this State, — and that on Colo Hobart's producing to the Treasurer the paper money above mentioned & making Oath before said Treasurer that it is the identical money which he received from the State for the payment of Soldiers, the Treasurer is directed to take the same giving him a receipt therefor which shall be a discharge to the said Hobart for said sum. Sent up by Mr Plummer.

Voted, that the hearings on the Petition of the Selectmen of Warren which was to have been this day before the General Court be postponed to the second Thursday of the next Session of which all persons concerned are to take notice & govern themselves accordingly. Sent up by Mr Plummer.

Voted, that the hearings on the Petitions of David Courser Majr Joseph Kimball[1] & Ebenezer Torrey which were to have been this day before the General Court be postponed to some future day in this Session. Sent up by Mr Plummer.

Upon reading and considering the Petition of William Parker Esqr, *Voted*, that the prayer thereof be granted & and that he have leave to bring in a bill accordingly. Sent up by Mr Plummer.

[1] xiii. Ham. Town Papers, 205.

*Agreeable to the order of the day heard the Petitions of Jonathan Mason and Edwards Bucknam, but the determination postponed till to morrow. * 13 : 12

Adjourned to 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

THURSDAY, October 27, 1785.

The House met according to adjournment.

The committee on the Petition of the Selectmen of Cardigan,[1] Reported that the prayer of said Petition be granted and that the Petitioners have leave to bring in a bill accordingly. -- Signed, John Mc-Clary for the Committee, which report being read and considered, *Voted*, that it be received and accepted. Sent up by Colo Wiggin.

Upon hearing and considering the Petition of Jonathan Mason praying for the priviledge of a Ferry. — *Voted*, that the prayer thereof, be granted so far as that he have the priviledge of a Ferry to extend from Colo Greens ferry as far as the South line of Orford and that he have leave to bring in a bill accordingly.

Sent up by Colo Wiggin.

Upon hearing and considering the Petition of Edwards Bucknam[2] praying for the priviledge of a Ferry, *Voted*, that the prayer thereof be granted and that the Petitioner have leave to bring in a bill accordingly either at this or the next Session.

Sent up by Colo Wiggin.

Upon reading and considering the Petition of Oliver Lawrence and Benjamin Cummings, *Voted*, that the Petitioners be heard thereon before the General Court on the Second Thursday of their next session, and that in the mean time the Petitioners cause that the substance of the Petition and order of Court thereon be published three weeks successively in the New Hampshire Gazette that any person or persons may then appear & shew cause (if any they have) why the prayer thereof may not be granted.

Sent up by Colo Wiggin.

Agreeably to the order of the day heard several Petitioners on their Petitions.

* Upon hearing and considering the Petition of the Selectmen of Dearing[3] praying for liberty to raise a Tax on the whole of the lands in said Town, for the purpose of building a Meeting House & purchasing a Ministerial Lott. — *Voted*, that the prayer thereof be so far granted as that a Tax be levied for the purpose of building a meeting house only & that the Petitioners have leave to bring in a bill accordingly. Sent up by Mr Jenness. * 13 : 13

1. xiii. Ham. Town Papers, 122. 2. xii. Ham. Town Papers, 353. 3. xi. Ham. Town Papers, 495.

Upon hearing and considering the Petition of the Inhabitants of Hancock[1] praying for liberty to raise [levy] a Tax on the whole of the Lands in Hancock for the sole purpose of building a Meeting House, *Voted*, that the prayer thereof be granted & that the Petitioners have leave to bring in a bill accordingly. Sent up by Mr Jenness.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock, P. M.

Met accordingly.

Upon reading and considering the Petition of Jonathan Chesley, *Voted*, that the Petitioner be heard thereon before the General Court on the first Friday of their next Session and that in the mean time the Petitioner cause that Capt John Drew of Barnstead be served with a Copy of the Petition and order of Court thereon that he may [then] appear and shew cause if any he hath why the prayer thereof may not be granted and that the Execution be stayed till the decision of the General Court. Sent up by Capt Harper.

Voted, that Colo Bartlett, Mr Foss, Mr Emerson, Mr Kendall, & Mr Dow, with such of the Honbl Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of the Petition of Lemuel Holmes Esqr and report thereon. Sent up by Capt Harper.

Upon reading and considering the Petition of Barnabas Barker, —

Voted, that the Petitioner be heard thereon before the General Court on the second Tuesday of their next Session and that in the mean time the Petitioner cause that the Substance of the Petition and order of Court thereon be published three weeks successively in one of the New Hampshire papers, also cause that Jehosaphat Grout mentioned in said Petition be served with a Copy of the Petition and order thereon that he or any other person or persons may then appear and shew cause (if any they have) why the prayer thereof may not be granted. Sent up by Mr Dow.

* 13 : 14 *Agreeably to the order of the day heard John Smith on his Petition but the determination thereon was postponed till tomorrow morning.

Voted, that the hearings on several petitions which were to have been this day, be postponed till tomorrow of which all persons concerned are to take notice & govern themselves accordingly.

Sent up by Mr Dow.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to morrow morning.

FRIDAY, October 28 1785.

The House met according to adjournment.

Took under further consideration the Petition of John Smith which was postponed to this morning and, *voted*, that the prayer thereof

[1] xii. Ham. Town Papers, 155, 156.

be granted and that the Petitioner have leave to bring in a bill accordingly. Sent up by Mr Jenness.

Voted, that the hearing on the Petition of Genl John Stark be postponed to the second Wednesday of the next Session of the General Court of which all persons concerned are to take notice & govern themselves accordingly. Sent up by Mr Griffin.

Voted, that the hearing on the Petition of Majr John Young[1] be postponed to some day in the next week. Sent up by Mr Griffin.

Voted, that the hearing on the Petition of Benjamin Tripp be postponed to the second Friday of the next Session of the General Court of which all persons concerned are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly. Sent up by Mr Griffin.

Voted, that the hearing on the Petition of Samuel Bayley[2] be postponed to the first Tuesday of the next Session of the General Court of which all persons concerned are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly. Sent up by Capt Burnham.

Voted, that the Account of John Parker, Thomas Odiorne, & George Gains, Esqr amounting to four pounds & ten shillings be allowed and paid out of the Treasury by order of the President.

Sent up by Majr Gains.

* Upon hearing and considering the Petition of Henry Gerrish Esqr[3] praying for the priviledge of a Ferry over Merrimac River, *Voted*, that the prayer thereof be granted and that he have leave to bring in a bill accordingly. Sent up by Mr Foss. * 13 : 15

Voted, that Capt Summer, Colo Toppan, & Mr Frink with such of the Honbl Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of the Petition of the Inhabitants of Unity and report thereon.

Sent up by Mr Foss.

Voted, that Majr Pickering, Colo Gilman, Mr Jackman, Mr Gilmore & Genl Dow with such of the Honbl Senate as they shall join, be a Committee to consider of the Petition of Timothy Balch[4] and report thereon. Sent up by Mr Foss.

Upon reading and considering the Petition of Joshua Foss, Esqr in behalf of the Inhabitants of Barrington, *Voted*, that the Petitioner be heard thereon before the General Court on the second Thursday of their next Session and that in the mean time the Petitioner cause that the substance of the Petition and order of Court thereon be published three weeks successively in one of the New Hampshire papers that any person or persons may then appear and shew cause if any they have why the prayer thereof should [may] not be granted. Sent up by Mr Foss.

1. xiii. Ham. Town Papers, 183. 2. xii. Ham. Town Papers, 386. 3. xi. Ham. Town Papers, 205.
4. xii. Ham. Town Papers, 320.

Voted, that Mr Prentice, Colo Bartlett, & Colo Hill with such of the Honbl Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of the Petitions of Capt Daniel Moore, John Thomas, Ephraim Adams & Lieut. Ebenezer Britton[1] and all similar matters and report thereon. Sent up by Mr Foss.

Upon reading and considering the Petition[2] of the Warden of Queens Chapel in Portsmouth, *Voted*, that the Petitioners be heard thereon before the General Court on the Second Thursday of their next Session and that in the mean time the Petitioners cause that the substance of the Petition and order of Court thereon be posted up three public days on one of the Chapel doors, that any person may appear and shew cause (if any they have) why the prayer thereof may not be granted. Sent up by Majr Young.

* 13 : 16 * The Committee appointed to lay out a public Road from the River Road in Boscawen to Connecticut River at or near Dartmouth College, Reported the following return, (viz) beginning at Dartmouth College, thence Southeasterly nearly as the road is now trod about three miles to where a bridge formerly stood over Mink brook on Eleazer Hills Land thence south about eighteen degrees East to Lebanon line as now spotted, thence nearly on the same course to the road by Clap Sumners House, thence easterly as the road is now trod to Colo Paynes House thence nearly on a straight course to the road between Phillip Paddlefords House and Barn in Enfield, thence as the road is now Spotted to Colo Payne's House in Enfield, thence on the road as now trod to Elijah Paddlefords House, thence south sixty-eight degrees east to the road as now trod, thence in said road to the spotted line about fifteen rods from Nathaniel Hoveys Sugar Camp, thence on said Spotted line to Mascom River in Canaan, thence nearly on a straight course to the bridge over Mud pond brook thence as the road is now trod about ten rods, thence on a straight course to the road by Eleazer Scofields House, thence in said road as now trod to Grafton line thence on a straight course to a stump three rods to the south of Joseph Beans barn, thence straight to a stump four rods to the north of Resolve Mattersons House, thence straight to the road as now trod, thence in the road to the path that leads to Cardigan, thence on a straight course to the road by Jonathan Nichols's House thence nearly as the road is now trod to Capt Joseph Hoyts House, thence nearly as the road is now spotted through Alexandria and New Chester to Benjamin Scilly's House in Andover, thence straight (leaving John Sawyers House three rods to the North) to the road as now trod, thence by said road to the bridge over Ragged Mountain brook thence nearly

1. xiii. Ham. Town Papers, 670. 2. Idem, 297.

on a straight course to a stake three rods to the south of Simeon Connors Barn, thence on a straight course to the * road * 13 : 17
by Josiah Scribners House, thence in said road to a Beach tree marked E, thence straight about seventeen rods across Lieu^t John Roe's Land to the road, thence in said road to Benjamin Huntoons House in Salisbury, thence on a straight course to the road between John Gale's House and Barn, thence in said road about twenty rods, thence on a straight course by the side of Anna Fifields House to the road thence in said road to a stake opposite Joseph French's House, thence on a straight course to the road between Samuel Scribner's House and Barn thence in said road to a stake four rods to the east of Lieu^t John Pearson's House, thence straight to Andrew Bohonnens House, thence following the old road east of Jacob Bohonnens House, to the road as now trod, thence in said road about ten rods, thence straight to the bridge over the Mill brook, thence in said road to the bridge by Abel Tandy's House thence nearly as the road formerly went by the west end of Simon Wodlys house, thence South easterly about eighteen rods to a stake by the road as now trod, thence in said road to a stake twenty-five rods short of Edward Eastmans corner, thence on a straight course (leaving said Eastmans House to the west) to the road as now trod, thence in said road to the easterly side of John Bowens land, thence southerly on said Bowens land by Lieu^t Robert Smith's Land thirty-eight rods thence southeasterly on as straight a course as the land will admit of to Stirrup Iron Meadow brook nearly as the road is now spotted, thence by said spotted road to Boscawen line thence as the road is now cut out to the river road in Boscawen near Col^o Henry Gerrish's House. Said road to be four Rods broad.

Concord, October 26th 1785, Signed,

Timothy Walker }
Ebenezer Smith, } Committee.
Henry Gerrish. }

Upon reading and considering the foregoing report, *Voted*, that it be received and accepted. Sent up by Mr Bryant.

* Adjourned to three o'clock P. M. * 13 : 18

Met accordingly.

Upon reading and considering the Petition of Nicholas Austin [1] in behalf of the Inhabitants of the second division of Middletown in the County of Strafford, *Voted*, that the Petitioners be heard thereon before the General Court on the Second Wednesday of their next Session & that in the mean time the Petitioners cause that the Selectmen of Wolfborough and the Selectmen of Middletown be served

[1] xii. Ham. Town Papers, 598.

with a copy of the Petition and order of Court thereon that they or either of them may then appear and shew cause (if any they have) why the prayer thereof may not be granted.

Sent up by Maj^r Young.

Voted, that the account of Timothy Walker, Ebenezer Smith & Henry Gerrish Esquires amounting to thirty-nine pounds, ten shillings, be allowed and paid out of the Treasury by order of the President. Sent up by Mr Bryant.

Voted, that Mr Gilman, Mr Brackett, Mr Macgregore, Genl Dow, & Maj^r Whitcomb, with such of the Honb^l Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of the Petition of Phebe Colburn and report thereon. Sent up by Mr Bryant.

Voted, that Mr Jenness, Col^o Hill & Mr Sanborn, with such of the Honb^l Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of the Petition of Daniel Murray and report thereon.

Sent up by Mr Bryant.

The Committee on the Petition of the Inhabitants of New Chester [1] reported that a day of Hearing be appointed & that the Petitioners give due notice thereof. Signed Nathl Peabody, for the Committee, which report being read and considered, *Voted*, that it be received and accepted and that the Petitioners be heard before the General Court on the Second Friday of their next Session and that in the mean time the Petitioners cause [that] the substance of the Petition and order of Court thereon be published three weeks successively in one of the New Hamp^r papers that any person or persons may then appear & shew cause (if any they have) why the prayer thereof may not be granted. Sent up by Maj^r Gains

* 13 : 19 * Upon reading and considering the Petition of the Inhabitants of New Market & others [2] respecting removing New Market Bridge, *Voted*, that the Petitioners be heard thereon before the General Court on the Second Wednesday of their next Session and that in the mean time the Petitioners cause that the substance of the Petition and order of Court thereon be published three weeks successively in one of the New Hampshire papers that any person or persons may then appear and shew cause (if any they have) why the prayer thereof may not be granted.

Sent up by Maj^r Young.

Voted, that the hearing on the Petition of Richard Cutt Shannon Esqr [3], for Cockermouth be postponed to some future day in this Session.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to morrow morning.

1. xii. Ham. Town Papers, 200. 2. xiii. Ham. Town Papers, 34. 3. xii. Ham. Town Papers, 78.

SATURDAY, October 29 1785.

The House met according to adjournment.

An Act for restoring James Saunders to his Law was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Mr Prentice & Colo Green.

The Committee on the Petition of Lieut Joseph Huntoon, Reported that he receive half pay from the time he was reduced until further order of the General Court, and that he be put on the roll of Pensioners accordingly, Signed, Otis Baker, for the Committee, which report being read and considered, *Voted*, that it be received and accepted and that he receive a certificate for the interest of [the] pay that has been withheld and a note for the Principal.

Sent up by Mr Sanborn.

An Act to impower Jonathan Tilton of Kensington to enter a Complaint at the next Superior Court of Judicature to be holden at Portsmouth within and for the County of Rockingham on the fourth Tuesday of April next, was read a third time and passed to be enacted. Sent up by Mr Betton and Mr Macgregore.

An Act in addition to and amendment of an Act passed the General Court of this State the twenty-second of February last, entitled an Act to enable the Selectmen of Washington to tax certain lands in said town for purposes therein mentioned, was read a third time and passed to be enacted

Sent up by Colo Simpson and Mr Plummer.

* *Voted*, that the hearing on the Petition of the Proprietors of Cockermouth [1] be postponed to the Second Wednesday of the next Session of the General Court which may be held at Concord, of which all persons concerned are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly. Sent up by Mr Sanborn. * 13:20

Voted, that Mr Gilman, Colo Hill, & Mr Betton with such of the Honbl Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of the Petition of Samuel Potter and report thereon. Sent up by Mr Sanborn.

Upon reading and considering the Petition of David Clough, *Voted*, that the Petitioner be heard thereon before the General Court on the second Wednesday of their next Session and that in the mean time the Petitioner cause that Joanna Heath & Bond Little mentioned in said Petition be served with a Copy of the Petition and order of Court thereon that they may then appear and shew cause (if any they have) why the prayer thereof may not be granted and that all further process against said Clough be stayed till the decision of the General Court. Sent up by Ml Foss.

1. xii. Ham. Town Papers, 78.

Upon reading and considering the Petition [1] of the Inhabitants of the town of Hillsborough praying that liberty [may] be granted for taxing all unimproved Lands in said town for repairing highways, *Voted*, that the Petitioners be heard thereon before the General Court on the Second Thursday of their next Session and that in the mean time the Petitioners cause that the substance of the Petition and order of Court thereon be published three weeks successively in one of the New Hampshire Papers, that any person or persons may then appear and shew cause (if any he hath) why the prayer thereof may not be granted. Sent up by Mr Foss.

Voted, that Colo Bartlett, Colo Gilman, Mr Marsh, Mr Frink, & Colo Payne, with such of the Honbl Senate as they
* 13 : 21 * shall join be a committee to consider of the Petition of Daniel Fowle Esqr also his letter to the Speaker & report thereon. Sent up by Mr Foss.

Upon reading and considering the petition of Mr Noah Cook, *Voted*, that the Petitioner be heard thereon before the General Court on Wednesday next and that in the mean time the Petitioner cause that General John Stark be served with a Copy of the Petition and order of Court thereon that he may then appear and shew cause if any he hath why the prayer thereof may not be granted.

Sent up by Mr Foss.

Adjourned to Monday next at 3 o'clock, P. M.

MONDAY, October 31, 1785.

The House met according to adjournment.

Voted, that Mr Jonathan Burr have and receive out of the Treasury thirty shillings for his services as Chaplain to the General Court the present Session and that the President give order accordingly.

Sent up by Capt Morrill.

Voted, that Mr Gilman, Majr Pickering and Mr Jewett, with such of the Honbl Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of the Petition of Elijah Weed for the town of Unity and report thereon. Sent up by Capt Spaulding.

Voted, that Colo Toppan, Colo Waldron, Mr Emerson, Majr Whitcomb & Mr Worcester with such of the Honbl Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of the Petition and account of Colo David Webster and report thereon. Sent up by Capt Spaulding.

Voted, that Majr Gains Colo Simpson, & Colo Green with such of the Honbl Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of

1. xii. Ham. Town Papers, 209.

the Petition of the Selectmen & others Inhabitants of Hillsborough [1] and report theron. Sent up by Mr Batcheldor.

Upon reading and considering a Petition from the Selectmen and others Inhabitants of Hillsborough [2] praying that the time of holding their annual Meeting be altered, *Voted*, that the prayer thereof be granted and that the Petitioners have leave to bring in a bill accordingly. Sent up by Mr Batcheldor.

* *Voted*, that Mr Betton, Mr Foss, & Mr Gilman with * 13 : 22 such of the Honbl Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of the Petition of Nathanael Bugbee, & report thereon. Sent up by Mr Batcheldor.

Voted, that Majr Gains, Colo Gilman, Mr Duncan, Colo Payne, & Mr Batcheldor with such of the Honbl Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of the account of Melcher & Osborne and report thereon. Sent up bp Mr Batcheldor.

Voted, that Mr Pickering, Colo Badger, Mr Adams, Majr Whitcomb & Mr Worster with such of the Honbl Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider what allowance shall be made the officers of the Civil list of this State and report thereon.

Sent up by Capt Burnham.

Upon reading and considering the Petition of Solomon Robbins [3] praying for the privilege of a Ferry over Connecticut River, *Voted*, that the Petitioner be heard thereon before the General Court on the Second Thursday of their next Session and that in the mean time the Petitioner cause that the Selectmen of Westmoreland be served with a Copy of the Petition and order of Court thereon that they may then appear and shew cause (if any they have) why the prayer thereof may not be granted. Sent up by Capt Burnham.

Voted, that the Secretary be directed to send forthwith to Exeter for the Election Sermons, Journals of the last Session and any other public papers that are in the office at Exeter.

Sent up by Colo Welch.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, November 1, 1785.

The House met according to adjournment.

An act to establish a certain Judgment of the Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the County of Hillsborough in favour of John Smith against the Selectmen of Peterborough was read a third time and passed to be enacted. Sent up by Colo Hill & Majr Pickering.

1. xii. Ham. Town Papers, 209. 2. Idem, 208. 3. xiii. Ham. Town Papers. 669.

* 13 : 23 * *Voted*, that Maj^r Pickering, Mr Betton, & Mr Adams with such of the Honb^l Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of the petition of Col^o Hercules Mooney & all similar matters and report thereon. Sent up by Col^o Green.

The Honb^l Senate and House being again met in Committee of the whole, His Excellency the President in the Chair, Took under consideration the report of the Sub Committee of the 26th ultimo respecting obliging creditors to take real or personal estate in satisfaction of execution and after some debate thereon agreed to rise with leave to sit again and the Speaker resumed the chair.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock, P. M.

Met accordingly.

Voted, that the ballance of the Account of the Honb^l Abiel Foster Esqr, amounting to Three Hundred & ninety pounds be allowed and paid out of the Treasury by order of the President.

Sent up by Col^o Green.

The Honb^l Senate and House being again met in Committee of the whole His Excellency the President in the chair, took under further consideration the report of the sub Committee and came to the following vote, *Voted*, that the report be referred to the consideration of the Legislature in their separate branches the Committee then rose with leave to sit again and the Speaker resumed the chair.

Voted, that the hearing on the Petition of Micah Reed[1] which was to have been this day before the General Court be postponed till tomorrow of which all concerned are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly. Sent up by Col^o Green.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1785.

The House met according to adjournment.

An Act impowering the selectmen of Hancock[2] to assess the Lands in said Hancock for the purpose of building a Meeting House in said Hancock, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Col^o Wiggin & Maj^r Pickering.

An Act impowering the Selectmen of Dearing[3] to assess the lands in said Dearing for the purpose of building a Meeting House in said Town, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Col^o Wiggin & Mr Pickering

* 13 : 24 * An act for repealing an Act of this State intitled an Act to make void all attachments which have been or hereafter shall be laid or made on the Estates of persons who have left this

1. xiii. Ham. Town Papers, 670. 2. xii. Ham. Town Papers, 156. 3. xi. Ham. Town Papers, 495.

State or any of the United States and gone over to the enemies of the said States since the Commencement of Hostilities by Great Brittian or on the Estates of any Inhabitant or Subject of Great Brittain, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Col° Wiggin & Maj^r Pickering.

Voted, that Col° Bartlett, Col° Waldron & Mr Knowles, with such of the Honb^l Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of the Petition of William Fowler, and report thereon.

Sent up by Capt Foss.

The Honb^l Senate and House being again met in Committee of the whole His Excellency the President in the chair, *Voted*, to reconsider the vote of yesterday respecting, referring to the consideration of the Legislature in their separate branches the report of the sub Committee which obliged creditors to take real or personal estate in satisfaction of execution, and refer to their consideration a bill to prevent the bodies of debtors from being taken in execution when real or personal estate can be found or is tendered to satisfy the demand, took under consideration several matters respecting the public affairs of this State and after debate thereon agreed to refer the whole to the Legislature in their separate branches. The Committee then rose and the Speaker resumed the chair.

The Committee appointed on the Petition of the Selectmen and others Inhabitants of Hillsborough reported that the Selectmen of Hillsborough have leave to bring in a bill to restore them to their Law, Signed Geo. Atkinson, for the Committee, which report being read and considered, *Voted*, that it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Mr Smith.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock P. M.

Met accordingly.

* An act to alter the time of holding the annual Town meeting in the Town of Hillsborough,[1] was read a third time and passed to be enacted. * 13 : 25

Sent up by Mr Wallace & Capt Spaulding.

Whereas the General Court by their vote, passed the 14th day of April 1784 ordered the Treasurer of this State in his precept to the town of Walpole for State Taxes the last year to add the sum of sixty-three pounds five shillings being the amount of beef supplied by Benjamin Bellows Esqr, and interest for the same of which vote the Treasurer was not notified.

Therefore, *Resolved*, that the Treasurer of this State be directed to add the said sum to the State Taxes for the Town of Walpole for the current year and insert the same in his precept to said town accordingly.

Sent up by Capt Harper.

[1] xii. Ham. Town Papers, 208.

Voted, that the hearings on the Petitions of Gen[l] John Stark and Micah Reed [1] which was to have been this day before the General Court be postponed till to morrow morning of which all persons concerned are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Sent up by Cap[t] Harper.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1785.

The House met according to adjournment.

Voted, that Maj[r] Gains, Col[o] Gilman, M[r] Dow, Cap[t] Sumner, and Col[o] Payne, with such of the Honb[l] Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider what business it yet necessary to be done at this Session and at what time, and to what time and place this Court shall be adjourned, also to consider what allowance shall be made to the members of the Honb[l] Senate & House of Representatives & their officers for their travel and attendance at the present Session and report thereon. Sent up by M[r] Worster.

An Act to prevent the bodies of debtors from being taken on execution when real or personal estate can be found or is tendered to satisfy the demand, was read a third time and the yeas and nays being required whether it should pass to be enacted, were taken and are as follows, viz.,

* 13 : 26

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Josiah Gilman, Esq[r]	Cap[t] Joshua Foss,	M[r] John Gilmore,
W[m] Weeks, Esq[r]	Cap[t] W[m] Harper,	Cap[t] Simon Willard,
Sam[l] Jenness, Esq[r],	Col[o] Joseph Badger,	M[r] Samuel Works,
Col[o] Moses Leavitt,	David Gilman, Esq[r]	M[r] Edward Jewett,
Mark Wiggin Esq[r]	Col[o] Andrew M[c]Millan,	Cap[t] Levi Hooper,
M[r] Moses Shaw,	Sam[l] Marsh Esq[r]	M[r] Nathan Young,
Nath[nl] Batcheldor Esq[r]	Cap[t] Benj[n] French,	M[r] Stephen Powers,
Cap[t] John Eastman,	M[r] Timothy Taylor,	M[r] Elijah Frink,
Cap[t] Levi Morrill,	M[r] James Martin,	Cap[t] Lemuel Holmes,
Col[o] James Hill,	Cap[t] Levi Spaulding,	Cap[t] Jacob Copland,
Col[o] Thomas Bartlett,	Jn[o] Duncan, Esq[r]	Sam[l] Griffin, Esq[r]
M[r] Moses Barnard,	M[r] Robert Wallace,	M[r] Alexand[r] Parkman,
M[r] Charles Glidden,	M[r] Jonathan Dow,	M[r] Samuel Kendall,
Maj[r] Nathan Batcheldor,	M[r] Robert Smith,	Noah Worster, Esq[r]
Peter Green, Esq[r]	Ge[o] Jackman, Esq[r]	Cap[t] Abraham Burnham,
Thomas Page, Esq[r]	M[r] Matthew Harvey,	M[r] Ebenezer Hoyt
Joseph Welch, Esq[r]	Elijah Grout, Esq[r],	M[r] Russell Freeman,
James Betton, Esq[r]	Amos Shephard, Esq[r]	Elisha Payne, Esq[r]
M[r] Jacob Butler,	M[r] Benj[m] Hall,	Col[o] William Simpson,
Col[o] John Waldron,	Maj[r] Elisha Whitcomb,	Moses Dow, Esq[r]
James Knowles, Esq[r].	M[r] Jonathan Gaskill.	Maj[r] John Young.

[1] xiii. Ham Town Papers, 670.

Nays.	Nays.	Nays.
Hon[l] John Sullivan Esq[r]	Christopher Toppan, Esq[r]	M[r] Robert Means,
George Gains, Esq[r]	M[r] Abner Sanborn,	Cap[t] Samuel Douglas
John Pickering, Esq[r]	M[r] William Plummer,	M[r] Benjamin Darling,
John Sparhawk, Esq[r]	Richard Bartlett, Esq[r]	John Bryant, Esq[r]
John Prentice, Esq[r]	Col[o] Nath[ll] Emerson,	Cap[t] Benjamin Sumner,
Eph[m] Pickering, Esq,	Daniel Emerson, Esq[r]	

64 Yeas — 17 Nays — So it passed to be enacted.

Sent up by M[r] Jenness & M[r] Plummer.

An Act to revoke a letter of Guardianship granted by the Honb[l] Judge of Probate for the County of Hillsborough appointing Samuel Foster Guardian of James M[c]Clure, was read a third time and passed to be enacted. Sent up by M[r] Jackman & Cap[t] Hooper.

The Committee on the Petition of the Inhabitants of Burton,[1] Reported that Col[o] David Gilman be appointed to call a meeting * of the Inhabitants for the purposes mentioned in said * 13 : 27 Petition, Signed, Francis Worster, for the Committee, which report being read and considered, *Voted*, that it be received and accepted and that the Petitioners have leave to bring in a Resolve for that purpose. Sent up by Cap[t] Burnam.

Upon reading and considering the Petition of Thomas Odiorne, Esq[r] *Voted*, that the prayer of said Petition be granted and that the President give order that the Treasurer issue a note equal in value with the note taken up. Sent up by Cap[t] Burnham.

Voted, that Cap[t] Gilman, M[r] M[c]Murphy & Gen[l] Dow with such of the Honb[l] Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of the Petition of Col[o] Ebenezer Green and report thereon.

Sent up by Cap[t] Burnham.

Voted, that Col[o] Hill, Col[o] Simpson, & Col[o] Gilman, with such of the Honb[l] Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of the account of John Ward Gilman and report thereon.

Sent up by Cap[t] Burnam.

Voted, that Gen[l] Sullivan, M[r] Sparhawk, & M[r] Pickering with such of the Honb[l] Senate as they shall join be a Committee to draught a bill or bills for the encouragement of Industry and Frugality, also any acts for regulating commerce and Navigation and for laying duties on Articles imported into this State or exported therefrom, and report thereon. Sent up by Cap[t] Burnam.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock P. M.

Met accordingly.

The Committee appointed to enquire into the State of the Treasury reported that they have conferred with the Treasurer and have

1. xi. Ham. Town Papers, 7.

been by him informed that he has received several payments since the settlement of his account in June last but that they are very inconsiderable compared with the sums then due, which then stood as follows for the year 1775, £52–3–10, for 1776, £87–6–11, for 1777, £632–2–5, for 1778, £844–7–2, for 1779, £1654–8–10, for 1780, £2195–7–11, for 1781, £4262–10–7, for 1782, £37901–13–8, for 1783, £36610–2–4, for 1784, £22735–3–2, Amounting in the whole to £106975–6–10.

* 13 : 28 * That there was then due for fines against several towns and places for deficiency of Soldiers ordered to be raised to compleat this States quota of men in the years 1781 and 1782 £13009–4–4 for which extents have been issued and returned not satisfied.

That by the returns made it appears that there was mustered in the year 1781 Two hundred and eighty-four men and in the year 1782 there was mustered one hundred & six men for each of which men there was promised a Bounty to the towns who procured them of twenty pounds payable in four years with interest from the time such soldiers passed muster, Amounting in the whole to £7800–0–0 Exclusive of interest. For collecting the sums due for the above bounties and payment for deficiencies of Soldiers, Your Committee report the following Resolve, Signed, Joseph Gilman, for the Committee, which report being read and considered, *Voted*, that it be received and accepted.

Resolved, that the Committee of claims immediately make up a Compleat account of all soldiers who were raised to fill up the Continental Battalions in the years 1781 and 1782 and that on application of any Selectmen or Representative of any town or place which raised Soldiers for the service above said they shall give a certificate of the same with the time or times when such soldier or soldiers passed muster, and that His Excellency the President be and hereby is impowered to draw orders on the Treasury for the same which orders shall be received by the Treasurer in payment for any State Taxes & for any sums due for deficiency of Soldiers for the said years 1781 and 1782. And it is further, *Resolved*, that the Treasurer forthwith issue Extents against all towns and places who were deficient in raising their quota of Soldiers in the said years 1781 and 1782.

Sent up by Col° Waldron.

Voted, that Col° Bartlett, Col° Gilman, Capt Marsh, Mr Frink, and Col° Payne with such of the Honb^l Senate as may be joined be a Committee to consider of the Petition of Daniel Fowle

* 13 : 29 Esqr the price of public advertisements in * future and in what papers the same shall be printed & report thereon.

Sent up by Col° Waldron.

The Committee on the Petition and Account of Col° David Webster Reported, that Twenty pounds be allowed the said Col° Webster in full of his account & that the Treasurer be directed to add to the taxes of the next year on those towns, (mentioned in Col Websters Petition who were incorporated at the time the extents issued) their proportion of the above said sum of twenty pounds. Signed M Thornton, for the Committee, which report being read and considered, *Voted*, that it be received and accepted & that the President give order accordingly. Sent up by Col° Waldron.

Voted, that Mr Benjamin Biggelow, have and receive out of the Treasury the sum of thirty pounds for which he is to be accountable as agent Victualler and that the President give order accordingly.

Sent up by Maj^r^ Gains.

Voted, that Capt Gilman, Col° Gilman & Col° Bartlett, with such of the Honb^l^ Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of the Petition of John Morrison and report thereon.

Sent up by Mr Foss.

Upon hearing and considering the Petition of Noah Cook *Voted*, that the prayer thereof be so far granted as that he be restored to his Law, and have leave to make an addition to his declaration, that the true merits of the original action may be tried any want of a formal demand made previous thereto, or other defect in for of proceeding notwithstanding and that he have leave to bring in a bill accordingly and that the Execution against said Cook be stayed in the mean time.

Sent up by Mr Foss.

Upon reading and considering the Petition of Micah Reed [1] praying for the priviledge of a Ferry, *Voted*, that the prayer thereof be granted and that the Petitioner have leave to bring in a bill accordingly at this or the next Session. Sent up by Mr Foss.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to morrow morning.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1785.

The House met according to adjournment.

* *Voted*, that Mr Pickering, Mr Prentice, & Col° Green * 13 : 30 with such of the Honb^l^ Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of a bill presented for annulling, changing, or altering highways and such alterations & amendments as they judge necessary. Sent up by Capt Foss.

An Act to vest the exclusive priviledge of keeping a Ferry over a certain part of Connecticut river in Jonathan Mason of Lyme, his heirs and assigns, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Col° Bartlett & Mr Prentice.

1. xiii. Ham Town Papers, 670.

An act for establishing a former town meeting held in Cardigan, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Col° Bartlett & Mr Prentice.

The Committee on the Petition of Nehemiah Kelley reported that the prayer of said Petition be granted and that the said Kelley be discharged from the demand mentioned in said Petition on his paying prison fees. Signed, Nath^ll Peabody, Per order of the Committee, which report being read and considered, *Voted*, that it be received and accepted. Sent up by Capt Burnam.

The Committee appointed to consider of the Petition of Nathanael Bugbee, Reported, that the Committee for settling depreciation be directed to make up depreciation to the said Nathanael Bugbee for the time he was in service, Signed Ebenezer Webster, for the Committee which report being read and considered, *Voted* that it be received and accepted and that the Committee on depreciation govern themselves accordingly. Sent up by Capt Burnam.

The Committee on the Petition of William Simpson Esqr [1] reported that the prayer of said Petition be granted and that the Treasurer take order to credit the town of Orford for the sums mentioned therein at the same rate as if the said sums had been timely paid into the Treasury, Signed, Geo. Atkinson for the Committee, which report being read and considered, *Voted*, that it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Capt Burnam.

The following vote came down from the Honb^l Senate for concurrence

* 13 : 31 * State of New Hamp^hr } In Senate November 4th 1785.

Voted, that the Senate and House of Representatives meet in Committee as soon as may be to consider of sundry matters if it be agreeable to the House.

Sent down for concurrence, E. Thompson, Secy.

The foregoing vote read & concurred.

The Honb^l Senate and House being met in Committee of the whole to consider of sundry matters, His Excellency the President appointed Chairman, Took under consideration the propriety of revising the proscribing laws of this State and, *Voted*, to recommend to the Legislature in their seperate branches to appoint a Committee for that purpose, also *Voted*, that a Committee be appointed in the Separate branches to report a plan for establishing a Post rider. The Committee then rose and the Speaker resumed the chair.

Voted, that Mr Prentice, Col° Gilman, Mr Macgregore, Maj^r Whitcomb & Genl Dow with such of the Honb^l Senate as they shall join

1. xii. Ham. Town Papers, 506.

be a Committee to consider of the Account of Joseph Pearson Esqr and report thereon. Sent up by Capt Burnam.

Voted, that the Honb^l Samuel Livermore, Esqr be and he hereby is appointed a Delegate to represent this State in the Congress of the United States in the room and stead of the Honb^l Woodbury Langdon Esqr who declined accepting said trust and that he represent this State until the first Monday in November 1786 unless sooner relieved or recalled by the General Court of this State with all the powers and priviledges which other Delegates from this State have heretofore had and enjoyed, agreeably to the confederation of the United States. Sent up by Mr Hoyt.

Voted, that the Honb^l Timothy Walker Esqr be and he hereby is appointed a Delegate to represent this State in the Congress of the United States in the room and stead of the Honb^l Geo. Atkinson Esqr who declined accepting said trust, and that he represent this State until the first Monday in November 1786 unless sooner relieved or recalled by the General * Court of this * 13 : 32 State with all the powers and priviledges which other delegates from this State have heretofore had & enjoyed agreeably to the confederation of the United States. Sent up by Mr Hoyt.

Voted, that the account of Benjamin Huntoon & Benj^m Pettingill amounting to one pound seven shillings for taking and returning to the State an Inventory of Kierserge Gore be allowed and paid out of the Treasury by order of the President. Sent up by Mr Hoyt.

Voted, that Col^o Green, Col^o Toppan, & Mr Betton, with such of the Honb^l Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of the Petition of Richard Jenness Esqr and report thereon. Sent up by Mr Hoyt.

The Committee to consider of the Petition of Capt Daniel Moore and others reported that the said Daniel Moore receive twenty-seven pounds in full satisfaction for his services & losses. Signed M Thornton, for the Committee, which report being read and considered, *Voted*, that it be received and accepted and that the President give order on the Treasurer for said sum. Sent up by Mr Hoyt.

Whereas no provision is made for appointing Quarter Masters in the Light Horse to be established in this State, Therefore, *Resolved*, that in each Company of Horse raised or to be raised in this State whether Independant Companies or Companies annexed to a Regiment there shall be one Quarter Master, to be appointed in the same manner as Captains and Subalterns in the respective Corps and to be Commissioned by the President accordingly. Sent up by Mr Hoyt.

Upon reading and considering the Petition of George Clark, *Voted* that the Petitioner be heard thereon before the General Court on the

second Tuesday of their next Session and that in the mean time the Petitioner cause that the Selectmen of the East Parish of Londonderry be served with a Copy of the Petition and order of Court thereon that they or either of them may then appear and shew cause if any they have why the prayer thereof may not be granted.

Sent up by Mr Hoyt.

* 13 : 33 * Upon reading and considering the Petition of Benjamin Crombie *Voted*, that the Petitioner be heard thereon before the General Court on the Second Tuesday of their next Session and that in the mean time the Petitioner cause that the Substance of the Petition and order of Court thereon be published three weeks successively in one of the New Hampshire papers that any person or persons may then appear and shew cause (if any they have) why the prayer thereof may not be granted. Sent up by Mr Hoyt.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock P. M.

Met accordingly.

Voted, that Colo Toppan be added to the Committee on necessary business, adjournment &c. in the room of Majr Gains who is absent.

Sent up by Mr Hoyt.

Upon reading and considering the Petition of Joanna Chapman praying that Samuel Pillsberry may be appointed a Collector to collect certain taxes which were committed to her late husband John Chapman deceased, to collect, *Voted*, that the prayer thereof be granted & that the Petitioner have leave to bring in a bill accordingly. Sent up by Mr Jewett.

Voted, that the board of war and Collector of Rum be directed to prepare their accounts with the State and lay them before the General Court on the second day of their next Session, and that the Secretary be requested to send a Copy of this vote to the board of war, and another to the collector of Rum as soon as may be.

Sent up by Mr Jewett.

Voted, that Mr McMurphy, Colo Waldron, Mr Duncan, Mr Holmes & Colo Simpson with such of the Honbl Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of the Petition of Solomon Willard [1] and report thereon. Sent up by Mr Jewett.

The Committee on the Petition of William Glidden [2] late a soldier in Colo Hazzens regiment, Reported, that his Excellency the President be desired to write to John Pierce Esqr Paymaster General requesting him to send an account of what sums are to be charged to the soldiers in Col Hazzens & Colo Warners regiment who were returned from the war office as belonging to the New
* 13 : 34 Hampshire * line and that on receiving such information the Committee proceed to make up the depreciation in the

1. xiii. Ham. Town Papers, 690. 2. xiii. Ham. Town Papers, 94.

usual manner. Signed Joseph Gilman, for the Committee, which report being read and considered, *Voted*, that it be received and accepted. Sent up by Mr Hall.

Voted, that Genl Dow, Majr Whitcomb, & Mr Duncan, with such of the Honbl Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of the Petition of Colo Ebenezer Brewster[1] & all similar matters and report thereon. Sent up by Mr Hall.

Upon reading and considering the Petition of Campton, Thornton & New Holderness[2] praying to be disannexed from Franconia & Lincoln for chusing a Representative, *Voted* that the prayer thereof be granted. Sent up by Mr Hall.

The Committee on the Petition of Capt Daniel Moore and all similar matters Reported, that the prayer of the Petition of Ephraim Adams in behalf of John Thomas be granted and that he be allowed ten pounds in full for the said horse by him lost as set forth in said Petition, Signed M Thornton for the Committee which report being read and considered, *Voted*, that it be received and accepted and that the President give order accordingly. Sent up by Mr Hall.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to morrow morning.

SATURDAY, November 5th 1785.

The House met according to adjournment.

An act for assessing unimproved lands for making and repairing Highways and bridges, was read a third time and passed to be enacted. Sent up by Mr Gilman & Mr Duncan.

An act to restore Noah Cook of New Ipswich in said State to his law was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Mr Gilman & Mr Duncan.

Voted, that the account of Robert Gerrish amounting to one hundred and seven pounds & ten shillings (for printing) be allowed and paid out of the Treasury by order of the President.

Sent up by Mr Plummer.

* *Voted*, that when the business of this Session is finished that his Excellency the President be desired to adjourn the General Court to the second Wednesday in January next then to meet at Concord. Sent up by Capt Burnam. * 13 : 35

Voted, that the members of the Honbl Senate & House of Representatives and their officers have & receive the same allowance for travel and attendance at this Session as was allowed at the last Session & that the Secretary and Clerk make up the rolls accordingly.

Sent up by Capt Burnam.

1. xii. Ham. Town Papers, 173. 2. xi. Ham. Town Papers, 251.

Voted, that the hearing on the Petition of Maj^r John Young [1] which was to have been some day this week before the General Court be postponed to some day in next week of which all concerned are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Sent up by Mr Foss.

Adjourned to Monday next at 9 o'clock A. M.

MONDAY, Nov^br 7th 1785.

Several Members met according to adjournment, but there not being a quorum for transacting business adjourned to 3 o'clock P. M.

Met accordingly.

The Committee to consider of the account of Melcher & Osborne Reported that there be allowed and paid eighty one pounds, four shillings in full, Signed, Joseph Gilman for the Committee, which report being read and considered, *Voted*, that it be received and accepted and that the President give order accordingly.

Sent up by Mr Foss.

Voted, that Capt Gilman, Col^o Wiggin, & Col^o Welch with such of the Hon^bl Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of the Petition of Capt Benjamin Sumner & report thereon.

Sent up by Mr Foss.

Voted, that Mr Dow, Maj^r Batcheldor, & Mr Foss, with such of the Hon^bl Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of the account of the Hon^b Nathl Peabody & Joseph Gilman Esqr and report thereon. Sent up by Mr Foss.

* 13 : 36 * *Voted*, that Capt Gilman, Col^o Payne, Col^o Waldron, Mr Jackman, & Mr Hall with such of the Hon^bl Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of and devise some method for supplying the Delegates from this State to the Congress of the United States with monies for their necessary expenditures and report thereon. Sent up by Mr Plummer.

Upon reading and considering the Petition of the town of Bath *voted* that the Petition lay for consideration till the next Session of the General Court and that no extent issue against the town of Bath until a decision on said Petition. Sent up by Mr Plummer.

Voted, That Col^o Emerson, Mr Bryant, & Maj^r Whitcomb, with such of the Hon^bl Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of the account of the Hon^bl Joseph Gilman Esqr and report thereon. Sent up by Maj^r Young.

The Committee on the account of the Hon^bl Nathl Peabody & Joseph Gilman Esqr reported that the account be allowed, Signed M.

[1] xiii. Ham. Town Papers, 183.

Thornton for the Committee, which report being read and considered, *Voted*, that it be received and accepted and that the President give order on the Treasurer for seven pounds fourteen shillings, the amount of the account. Sent up by Capt Burnam.

The Committee to consider what allowance shall be made to the officers of the civil list of this State, Reported, in part that the members of the Honbl Council be allowed nine shillings pr day and the same travelling fees as the members of the General Court and their Secretaries the same as was allowed them [the] last year, Signed John McClarey for the Committee, which report being read and considered *Voted*, that it be received and accepted and that the Secretary make up the pay roll accordingly. Sent up by Capt Burnam.

The Committee on the account of John Ward Gilman reported that the account of the said John W. Gilman amounting to twelve pounds for engraving &c be allowed and paid out of the Treasury, signed John McClarey for the Committee * which report being read and considered, *Voted*, that it be received and accepted & that the President give order accordingly. * 13 : 37

Sent up by Capt Burnam.

The Committee on the Petiton of Colo William Simpson [1] Reported that the prayer of the Petition be so far granted that the Treasurer take order to credit the town of Orford for the sums mentioned therein at the same rates as though the said sums had been paid to the Treasurer by those Collectors respectively at the dates of those two receipts, provided said receipts agree with the schedule exhibited by Majr Child for the settlement of his public accounts. Signed, Geo. Atkinson, for the Committee, which report being read and considered, *Voted*, that it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Capt Burnam.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

FRIDAY, [TUESDAY] NOVEMBER 8th 1785.

The House met according to adjournment.

Voted, that the account exhibited by the Selectmen of Keen of Taxes levied on the land of Doctr Josiah Pomeroy & Elijah Williams (absentees from this State) in the year 1781 amounting to eleven pounds seventeen shillings and one farthing of the new emission & sixteen shillings & five pence silver money be allowed and that the Treasurer be directed to credit the town of Keene the sums above mentioned on their taxes for said year and that the President give order accordingly. Sent up by Mr Hall.

1. xii. Ham. Town Papers, 506.

Voted, that Col° Bartlett, Capt Gilman, & Col° Waldron with such of the Honb^l Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of the Petition of James Taylor and John Young [1] and report thereon.

Sent up by Mr Hall.

Voted, that the hearings on the Petitions of David Corser, Maj^r Joseph Kimball, [2] & Ebenezer Torrey which were to have been this Session of the General Court be postponed to the second Wednesday of their next Session and that all persons concerned are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Sent up by Col° Bartlett.

* 13 : 38 * The Committee of both houses appointed to consider of the Petition of Richard Jenness Esqr, one of the Administrators of the Estate of Richard Jenness Esqr deceased, reported that the prayer of the Petition be so far granted, that the administrators of said deceased's estate be allowed to pay and discharge the bond mentioned in said Petition in the following manner (viz) first by discounting out of the sum mentioned in the condition of said Bond at the date thereof the amount of the ballance due from the estate of John Wentworth Esqr late Governor of the late province of New Hampshire to the estate of the forenamed Richard Jenness deceased as shall be certified by the Judge of Probate, and that the remainder of the sum mentioned in the condition of said Bond after deducting the above mentioned ballance be reckoned with the interest thereof from the time of payment mentioned in said bond may be paid & discharged by paying the amount of said sums in the like sum of the public securities of this State and that the Treasurer of said State take order for settling said Bond accordingly. Signed, Nathl Peabody p^r order of the Committee which report being read and considered, *Voted*, that it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Mr Knowles.

The Committee of both Houses appointed to consider of the Petition of Ebenezer Brewster Esqr [3] &c reported, that the prayer of the Petition be so far granted as that the account of the said Brewster herewith exhibited for diverse supplies furnished the Militia on an Alarm amounting to the sum of ninety-three pounds two shillings & seven pence lawful money be allowed and paid by discount of Taxes due to the Treasury of this State and that interest be allowed on the sums in said account charged for the articles of beef and flour & that his Excellency the President give order accordingly. Signed Nathl Peabody by order of the Committee, which report being read and considered, *Voted*, that it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Mr Knowles.

* 13 : 39 *Adjourned to half after 2 o'clock P. M.

1. xiii. Ham. Town Papers, 183. 2. Idem, 205. 3. xii. Ham. Town Papers, 173.

Met accordingly.

Upon reading and considering the Petition of the Inhabitants of Hampstead [1] praying to be classed with Plastow and Atkinson for a Representative, *Voted*, that the Petitioners be heard thereon before the General Court on the second Wednesday of their next Session and that in the mean time the Petitioners cause that the Selectmen of Plastow & Atkinson be served with a Copy of the Petition and order of Court thereon that they may then appear and shew cause (if any they have) why the prayer thereof may not be granted.

Sent up by Col° Bartlett.

Voted, that Col° Bartlett, Col° Waldron, Mr Means, Col° Shepherd and Col° Simpson with such of the Honb^l^ Senate as they shall join be a Committee to report a plan for establishing Post riders, also to consider in what manner the Excise on Spirituous Liquors shall be collected in future and report thereon. Sent up by Col° Bartlett.

An Act for opening and making passable a highway from Dartmouth College to Boscawen, was read a third time and passed to be enacted. Sent up by Col° Bartlett & Col° Waldron.

Voted, that Col° Bartlett, Col° Waldron, Mr Duncan, Col° Shepherd and Col° Simpson with such of the Honb^l^ Senate as they shall join be a Committee to take under consideration a Petition from sundry towns in the county of Grafton & all similar matters, and that they nominate proper persons to be appointed a Committee to receive and examine in the recess of the General Court all accounts that may be laid before them, also consider how far the power of the Committee shall extend towards a settlement of such accounts as may be presented and report thereon. Sent up by Col° Toppan.

The Committee on the Petition of Capt Benjamin Sumner, Reported that the town of Claremont have credit for Samuel Green Allen who was a soldier in the first New Hampshire Regiment and is not claimed by any other town, Signed Ebenezer Webster, for the Committee, which report being read and considered, *Voted*, that it be received and accepted. Sent up by Capt Sumner.

*The act to prevent the bodies of Debtors from being taken in Execution when real or personal estate can be found or is tendered to satisfy the demand, came down from the Honb^l^ Senate for amendment and the yeas & nays being demanded whether the following Proviso should be added to the Act "Provided nevertheless that nothing in this Act shall extend or be construed to extend so as to effect any securities bottomed on silver or gold which may be given from and after the first day of March next" — The yeas and nays were as follows. *13 : 40

1. xii. Ham. Town Papers, 92.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Col° White,	Maj^r Weeks,	Col° Shephard,	Mr Powers,
Maj^r Wiggin,	Maj^r Batcheldor,	Maj^r Whitcomb,	Mr Parkman,
Mr Barnard,	Col° Waldron,	Mr Jewett,	Mr Worster,
Col° Welch,	Mr Knowles,	Mr N. Young,	Capt Burnam,
Capt Harper,	Mr Foss,	Mr Frink,	Mr Hoyt,
Col° Badger,	Col° McMillan,	Capt Holmes,	Col° Payne,
Mr Martin,	Mr Adams,	Mr Hall,	Genl Dow,
Capt Spaulding,	Mr Duncan,	Mr Gilmore,	Mr Darling.
Mr Wallace,	Mr J. Dow,	Mr Works,	38 yeas.
Mr Grout,	Mr Smith,	Capt Hooper,	

Nays.	Nays.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr Prentice,	Col° Bartlett,	Mr Taylor,	Capt Sumner,
M^r McMurphy,	Mr Glidden,	Mr Macgregore,	Mr Kendall,
Mr E. Pickering,	Col° Green,	Mr Means,	Mr Freeman,
Mr Shaw,	Mr Bartlett,	Mr Bryant,	Col° Simpson,
Mr Plummer,	Col° Emerson,	Mr Willard,	Maj^r Young,
			Mr Batcheldor.

38 Yeas, 21 Nays, so the question was lost there not being two thirds of the members in favor of it.

The Committee on the Petitions of James Taylor, & John Young,[1] Reported that the prayer of the Petitions be granted and that on their getting a certificate from the Committee on Depreciation for what is due the President give order for their receiving notes for the Principal and certificates for the interest due thereon, Signed, John Bellows for the Committee, which report being read and considered *Voted*, that it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Capt Burnam.

* 13 : 41 * Upon reading and considering the Petition of Moses Dow Esqr[2] and others praying for Liberty to raise two hundred pounds by a lottery for finishing a bridge over Bakers river in Plymouth, *Voted*, that the prayer thereof be granted and that the Petitioners have leave to bring in a bill accordingly, at the next Session. Sent up by Capt Burnam.

The Committee on the Petition of William Fowler, reported that the prayer of the Petition be so far granted as to give a day of hearing on said Petition at the next Session of the General Court and in the mean time the adverse party be notified. Signed, M Thornton, for the Committee, which report being read and considered, *Voted*, that it be received and accepted & that the Petitioner be heard thereon before the General Court on the Second Tuesday of their next Session and that in the mean time he cause that George Jaffry Esqr be served with a Copy of the Petition and order of Court thereon that he may then appear and shew cause if any he hath why the

1. xiii. Ham. Town Papers, 183. 2. Idem, 228.

prayer thereof may not be granted and that execution be stayed till the decision of the General Court. Sent up by Capt Burnam.

The Committee of both Houses appointed to consider of and advise some method of [for] supplying the delegates of this State to the Congress of the United States with money for their necessary expenditures, Reported in part as their opinion that his Excellency the President be impowered with advice of Council from time to time as occasion may require to draw orders on the Treasurer in favour of said Delegates respectively for any sum or sums that may be judged expedient, taking care not to advance more than one hundred pounds to any one delegate on his first entering on the business of his appointment, and that in all after draughts not to exceed the ballance, supposed to be due as wages to any respective delegate, Signed, John McClarey, for the Committee, which report being read and considered, *Voted*, that it be received and accepted. Sent up by Capt Burnam.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, November 9th 1785.

The House met according to adjournment.

*An act to impower Samuel Pilsberry to collect certain Taxes in the Town of Londonderry was read a third time and passed to be enacted. Sent up by Majr Weeks & Mr Plummer. * 13 : 42

Upon reading and considering the Petition of Ebenezer Farnsworth,[1] and others inhabitants of Charlestown (praying to be set off as a town parish or precinct) *Voted*, that the Petitioners be heard thereon before the General Court on the Second Thursday of their next Session and that in the mean time the Petitioners cause that the Selectmen of Charlestown be served with a Copy of the Petition and order of Court thereon that they may then appear and shew cause if any they have why the prayer thereof may not be granted.

Sent up by Mr Wallace.

Agreeably to a report of the Committee of the whole, *Voted*, that his Excellency the President be desired to write the several executives in the Union & request to know whether their assemblies, have or are likely to join with this State and Massachusetts in their Commercial Opposition to Great Britain, whether they have impowered Congress to regulate commerce or have passed or probably will pass Acts similar to those enacted by this and the Massachusetts State in June last respecting Navigation and Commerce and lay such information before the General Court at their next Session.

Sent up by Mr Dow.

1. xi. Ham. Town Papers, 288.

Voted, that Mr McMurphy, Mr Prentice, & Colo Green, with such of the Honbl Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of the Petition of Sylvester Tiffany also the Petition of Joshua Young and all similar matters and report thereon.

Sent up by Colo Welch.

An Act for the recovery of small debts in an expeditious way and manner, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Majr Weeks and Mr Plummer.

Upon reading and considering the Petition of Isaac Butterfield [1] praying for the privilege of a ferry over a certain part of Connecticut river, *Voted*, that the Petitioner be heard thereon
* 13:43 * before the General Court on the second Thursday of their next Session and that in the mean time the Petitioner cause that the Selectmen of Westmoreland be served with a Copy of the Petition and order of Court thereon that they may then appear and shew cause (if any they have) why the prayer thereof may not be granted. Sent up by Colo Welch.

Upon reading and considering the Petition of Jacob Doyne, *Voted*, that the Petitioner be heard thereon before the General Court on the Second Wednesday of their next Session and that in the mean time the Petitioner cause that the substance of the Petition and order of Court thereon be published three weeks successively in one of the New Hampshire papers that any person or persons may then appear and shew cause (if any they have) why the prayer thereof may not be granted. Sent up by Mr Dow.

Voted, that the Treasurer be directed to proceed in the most expeditious manner for collecting out standing Taxes by calling on delinquent Constables and collectors or issuing extents as occasion may require. Sent up by Mr Dow.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock P. M.

Met accordingly.

Voted, that Thomas Bartlett, Christopher Toppan, & John Prentice Esquires for the County of Rockingham, That John Waldron, John Wentworth & Otis Baker Esquires for the County of Strafford, that Robert Means, Moses Nichols & Robert Macgregore, Esquires for the County of Hillsborough, that Simeon Olcott, John Bellows, & Benjamin Sumner Esquires for the County of Cheshire, That Moses Dow, William Simpson, and Elisha Payne Esquires for the County of Grafton, be Committees in their respective counties to make sale of the Excise in the several counties of this State for the Current year agreeably to the laws of this State, that they sell the excise at Public Vendue in the usual manner for cash only to be paid one half by the

1. xiii. Ham. Town Papers, 671.

first day of April next and the remaining half by the first day of October next, The Committees to make sale of the Excise before the first day of February next. Sent up by Mr E. Pickering.

* *Voted* that the account of John Calfe, Esqr amounting * 13 : 44
to six pounds six shillings & four pence for recording the journals, Copying for the press &c be allowed and paid out of the Treasury by order of the President. Sent up by Mr Freeman.

Upon reading and considering the Petition of Majr Isaac Frye, *Voted*, that the prayer thereof be granted and that the President give order on the Treasurer for the sum of twelve pounds fifteen shillings & four pence the amount of the account of William Dana mentioned in said Petition who served as Commissary to the recruits mustered at Amherst in the year 1782. Sent up by Mr E. Pickering.

The Committee of both Houses appointed to consider and report upon the account of Joseph Pearson Esqr reported that the ballance of said account be allowed and paid out of the Treasury & that his Excellency the President give order accordingly. Signed, Nathl Peabody for the Committee, which report being read and considered, *Voted*, that it be received and accepted, — the ballance of said account amounting to seventy-seven pounds, seven shillings.

Sent up by Mr E. Pickering.

Voted, that a Post be established from Portsmouth through Exeter Nottingham, Concord & Plymouth to Haverhill and from thence down Connecticut river to Charlestown from thence through Keene, Amherst and Exeter to Portsmouth and from Portsmouth through Exeter, Amherst, Keene and Charlestown to Haverhill and to return by Plymouth, Concord, Nottingham & Exeter to Portsmouth and so on alternately.

That another Post be established from Portsmouth through Dover to Wakefield from thence to Tamworth around Winnepisseokee Lake through Gilmanton, Barnstead, Barrington, & Dover to Portsmouth, that one hundred pounds be granted for the above purpose, that his Excellency the President be impowered by and with advice
of Council * to appoint Post masters and post riders and to * 13 : 45
pay them for their services. also from time to time to fix the Postage of letters. Sent up by Colo Shepherd.

The Committee of both Houses appointed to consider of the Petition of Colo Ebenezer Green late a Captain in the Army of the United States reported that the prayer of said Petition be so far granted that the Committee on Depreciation &c be impowered and directed to settle and ballance the account of said Green for wages and Depreciation allowed him by the Resolve of Congress while in said service and during his being a hostage up to the time he was ex-

changed in the same manner as officers of this State line are settled with and that he be paid accordingly, Signed, Nath[ll] Peabody by order of the Committee, which report being read and considered, *Voted*, that it be received and accepted. Sent up by Maj[r] Young.

Voted, that the account of Joseph Gilman Esq[r] amounting to forty-nine pounds & five shillings be allowed agreeably to report of a Committee of both Houses and that his Excellency the President give order to the Treasurer for said sum.

Sent up by Col[o] Shepherd.

The Committee on the Petition of Timothy Balch[1] reported that he be allowed twenty-five pounds in full for his services for carrying public papers &c &c as set forth in his Petition. Signed, Joseph Gilman for the Committee, which report being read and considered, *Voted*, that it be received and accepted and that the President give order accordingly. Sent up by Col[o] Shephard.

Whereas the General Court at their last Session voted that no demands that were then due & which were a continental charge should be allowed unless exhibited by the last day of this Session which time is found to be insufficient.

Therefore, *Voted*, that the time for receiving said claims be prolonged to the last day of the next Session of the General Court and that notice be given in the mean time in one of the New Hampshire papers. Sent up by Col[o] Shephard.

*13:46 * M[r] William Plummer entered his protest against the Act passed this day entitled An Act for the recovery of small debts in an expeditious way and manner, which protest is on file.

Adjourned to half past 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10th 1785.

The House met according to adjournment.

Voted, that Maj[r] Isaac Frye be allowed and paid two pounds, eighteen shillings for two drums which he purchased for the use of the troops of the New Hampshire line and that his Excellency the President give an order on the Treasurer for said sum.

Sent up by Maj[r] Gains.

Voted, that his Excellency the President with advice of the Council be desired to adjourn the General Court to Wednesday the first day of February next then to meet at Portsmouth and that the General Court which is to meet in June next shall be holden at Concord.

Sent up by Cap[t] Spaulding.

[1] xii. Ham. Town Papers, 320.

Voted, that the account of James Norris amounting to eleven pounds & six pence be allowed and paid out of the Treasury & that his Excellency the President give order accordingly.

Sent up by Capt Spaulding.

Voted, that the account of Caleb Buswell amounting to five pounds five shillings be allowed and paid out of the Treasury by order of the President. Sent up by Capt Spaulding.

Upon reading and considering the Petition of Oliver Wright,

Voted, that the Petitioner be heard thereon before the General Court on the Second Wednesday of their next Session and that in the mean time he cause that the Trustee to the estate of Breed Batcheldor (an absentee) be served with a Copy of the petition and order of Court thereon that he may then appear and shew cause (if any he hath) why the prayer thereof may not be granted.

Sent up by Mr Duncan.

* Upon reading [hearing] and considering the Petition of * 13 : 47
Majr John Young,[1] *Voted* that the further consideration thereof be postponed to the second Wednesday in the next Session of the General Court of which all persons concerned are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly but that there be no further stay of execution. Sent up by Majr Young.

An act in addition to and [in] amendment of an act entitled An Act for repealing all the laws heretofore made by the province Colony or State of New Hampshire relating to killing wolves and for fixing the premiums hereafter to be given for killing those animals passed the 17th day of January A. D. 1782 was read a third time and passed to be enacted. Sent up by Mr Macgregore & Colo Wiggin.

Voted, that the Committee for selling the Excise in the County of Rockingham be directed to make sale of some medicines belonging this that are at Exeter under the care of the Board of War.

Sent up by Colo Bartlett.

The following resolve came down from the Honbl Senate for concurrence

State of New Hampshire } In Senate, Novr 9th 1785.

Resolved, that Joseph Gilman and Josiah Gilman, Esquires be and hereby are appointed Commissioners jointly or severally to settle all accompts between this State and Individuals, and that they or either of them in the absence of the others are hereby authorized to call on the holders of property and money belonging to this State for immediate settlement and in case of neglect to prosecute delinquents to final judgment & execution and that they receive

1. xiii. Ham. Town Papers, 183.

orders on the Treasurer & certificates for State Taxes for any sum that shall be found due, and that they pay any sum or sums they may receive into the Treasury taking the Treasurers receipt therefor, and that when there shall appear to be a ballance due on the settlement of any account to any person founded on any Act, Vote or Resolve of the General Court or order of the late Committee of Safety that on the said Commissioners or either of them certifying on the account of such sum due, his Excellency the President, with advice of Council be impowered to draw an order on the Treasurer for the same.

Read & Concurred. Sent up by Col° Bartlett.

* 13 : 48 *Whereas it has been represented to the General Court that the time already allowed to the Creditors on the estates of the several absentees from this State which have been confiscated has proved insufficient to answer the purposes designed and a further time appearing reasonable and necessary.

Therefore be it *Resolved* that the several Judges of Probate within their respective Counties in this State be and they hereby are impowered to grant a further time (where it shall appear reasonable) not exceeding six months from the passing this Resolve, and the several Commissioners already appointed and such as shall hereafter be appointed by the said Judges of Probate are hereby authorized and impowered to receive and examine said claims within the time allowed in this Resolve. Sent up by Capt Burnam.

Voted, that the Secretary be directed to furnish the Printers of New Hamshire News papers with a Copy of all public Acts that have been passed this Session as soon as conveniently may be, that the Printers may have the opportunity of printing the same.

Sent up by Mr Foss.

The Secretary came down and gave information that he was directed by his Excellency the President to inform the Honb^l^ House that agreeably to the desire of both Houses he has adjourned the General Court to Wednesday the first day of February then to meet at Portsmouth.

JOURNAL OF THE SENATE

CONTAINING THE PROCEEDINGS FROM

FEBRUARY 1 TO MARCH 4, 1786.

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*2:93 *STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

At a Session of the General Court holden at Portsmouth on Wednesday, February first one thousand seven hundred & Eighty six being the day to which the General Court stood adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1786.

PRESENT IN SENATE.

His Excellency John Langdon Esqr *President.*

The Hon. John McClary
Joseph Gilman
Nathaniel Peabody
George Atkinson
Joshua Wentworth
Otis Baker
Matthew Thornton
Ebenezer Webster Esq^rs
} Senators.

His Excellency the President laid before the Honorable senate sundry communications received since the last session.

Adjourned till to morrow, nine O'Clock, A. M.

IN SENATE, THURSDAY FEBRUARY 2, 1786.

Present as Yesterday,
*with the addition of the Honorable Francis Worcester, *2:94
Esqr

IN SENATE, February 2nd 1786.

Resolved, That the Treasurer attend the General Court in their present Session, with such Books and Papers as are necessary. send down for concurrence by Mr Webster : Brought up concurred.

Adjourned 'till to morrow, Nine O'Clock A. M.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3d 1786.

Present as Yesterday

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the senate to take under consideration a message from his Excellency, and report the business necessary first, to be entered upon, & done this session, was brought up read and concurred, Mr Peabody, Mr Baker, & Mr Gilman were joined.

Adjourned 'till to-morrow nine O'Clock, A. M.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4th 1786.

Present as Yesterday

with the addition of Mr Bellows.

A Vote to hear the Petition of sundry Inhabitants of Weare, on the third Wednesday of the next Session, was brought up, read and Concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate to consider of the Petition of Martha Wait, & report thereon was brought up, read & concurred : Mr McClary & Mr Joshua Wentworth were joined.

A Vote to hear the Petition of sundry Inhabitants of Northumberland, on the third Wednesday of the next Session, was brought up, read & Concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to Consider of the Petition of Mary Conant, and all Similar matters and report thereon was brought up, read & concurred : Mr Thornton and Mr Chase were joined.

A Vote for a Committee to Join a Committee of the Sen-
*2 : 95 ate to consider the Petition of William *Adams, and all similar matters and report thereon, was brought up read & concurred : Mr Baker and Mr Webster were joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to Consider of the Petition of Mary Lear & report thereon, was brought up, read & Concurred : Mr Joshua Wentworth was joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the senate, to Consider of the Petition of Benjamin Sumner, and all similar matters, was brought up, read and concurred: Mr Peabody, Mr McClary, & Mr Gilman were joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to Consider of the Petition of Jonathan Warner, Esqr & report thereon, was brought up, read & concurred: Mr Thornton & Mr Joshua Wentworth were joined.

Adjourned till Monday next, three O'Clock P. M.

MONDAY, February 6th 1786.

Present as on saturday, except Mr Baker.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the senate to Consider of the Petition of Jonathan Chase Esqr and report thereon was brought up, read concurred: Mr Thornton & Mr Webster were joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the senate, to Consider of the Petition of Benjamin Dearborn, & report thereon, was brought up read & Concurred: Mr Atkinson, Mr Joshua Wentworth, and Mr Gilman were joined.

A Vote that this House resolve themselves into a Committee of the whole, in conjunction with the Honorable senate, if they think fit, to meet to morrow morning to take under consideration the Estate of our Public affairs, & report thereon *was brought up read & concurred. *2:96

A resolve that when any matter shall be referred to a Committee of the General Court, the Committee may report at the Session in which the same was Referred, or at any other Session of the same Court, was brought up, read & concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to consider of the Petition of Samuel Martin, & Others, in behalf of Concord, Alias Gunthwaite & similar matters, & report thereon, was brought up, read & concurred: Mr Chase & Mr Worcester were joined.

Adjourned 'till to morrow, Nine O'Clock, A. M.

TUESDAY, February 7th 1786.

Present as Yesterday.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the senate, to Consider of the Petition of Major Joseph Kimball, & report thereon,

was brought up read and concurred: Mr Bellows and Mr Joshua Wentworth were joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate to consider of the Petition of Thomas Christie, & report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred: Mr Atkinson & Mr Chase were joined.

A Vote to pay the account of John Hubbard Esqr amounting to forty shillings, was brought up, read & concurred.

Adjourned 'till to-morrow Nine O'Clock, A. M.

WEDNESDAY February 8th 1786.

Present all the senate.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to Consider of the Account of Lieut. David Bryent, and report thereon, was brought up, read & concurred: Mr McClary joined.

A Vote granting the prayer of the Petition of Samuel Griffen, in behalf of the Town of Packersfield, & giving him leave to bring in a Bill, was brought up, read and Concurred.

* 2 : 97 * A Vote of the House of Yesterday, for putting off all public hearings before the House, untill this Day, was brought up, read and concurred.

Adjourned 'till to-morrow, Nine O'Clock, A. M.

THURSDAY, February 9th, 1786.

Present as Yesterday.

A Resolve to adjourn the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and Court of General Sessions of the peace in the County of Strafford until the second Week in March next, was brought up, read & concurred.

A Vote of the House of Yesterday, to put over all the hearings on Petitions then before the House, until this day, was brought up, read & concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to consider the Petition of David Daniels and all Similar matters, was brought up read & concurred; Mr Joshua Wentworth & Mr John Wentworth were joined.

A Vote to Postpone the hearing of the Petition of the Rev. Samuel McClintock, until Wednesday next, was brought up, read & concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to Consider of the Petition of the selectmen of Hampton, & report

thereon, was brought up, read and Concurred: Mr Atkinson Mr Webster & Mr McClary were joined.

Adjourned 'till to-morrow, Nine O'Clock, A. M.

FRIDAY, February 10th, 1786.

Present as Yesterday.

An Act to vest the exclusive Privilege of keeping a Ferry over Connecticut River in Edwards Bucknam * of Lancaster, in the County of Grafton his heirs, & assigns, was read a third time, and *Voted* that the same be enacted. * 2 : 98

A Vote that the hearings of the Petitions of Elisha Payne David Clough, David Courser and Jacob Doyne, which were to have been heard before the General Court on the Ninth Instant, be postponed until the third Wednesday of the next Session of the General-Court was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote that the hearings on the remaining Petitions, which were to have been this Week, before the General Court be put over until Tuesday next, was brought up, read & concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate to consider of a Bill presented for the repair of Newmarket Bridge, and report thereon, was brought up, read & concurred: Mr Peabody, Mr John Wentworth & Mr Gilman were joined.

A Vote to hear the petition of Edward Smith, on Friday next was brought up read & concurred.

A Vote to grant the prayer of the Petition of Zebulon March and giving him leave to bring in a bill accordingly, was brought up, read & concurred.

A Vote to grant the prayer of the Petition of Joseph Kimball, and giving him leave to bring in a bill accordingly, was brought up, read, and concurred.

A Vote to grant the prayer of the Petition of Benjamin Bellows Esqr and giving him leave to bring in a Bill accordingly, was brought up, read & concurred.

A Vote to grant the prayer of the Petition of Samuel Bayley and giving him leave to bring in a Bill accordingly, was brought up, read and concurred.

* A Vote to grant the prayer of the Petition of Ebenezer Torrey & giving him leave to bring in a Bill accordingly, was brought up, read & concurred. * 2 : 99

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to consider of the Petition of John Pickering Junr and also the Petition of Henry Kenistone, was brought up read & concurred: Mr John Wentworth & Mr Baker joined.

A Vote to pay the Account of Thomas shannon amounting to seven pounds, fifteen shillings & four pence for expences of the several committees for selling the excise from the year 1783 to 1786, inclusively, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to consider of the Petition of Capt Moses Woodward: and also the Account of Col. Supply Clap, and report thereon, was brought up, read & concurred: Mr McClary & Mr Joshua Wentworth were joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to Consider of the Petition of Oliver Lawrence and report thereon, was brought up, read & concurred: Mr Gilman, Mr Peabody and Mr John Wentworth were joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to bring in a bill for regulating the times & places of holding the Probate Courts in this State, was brought up, read and concurred: Mr John Wentworth and Mr Gilman joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate to Consider the Petition of John Neal and James McGregore: also the Petition of Charles Clapham, was brought up, read & concurred: Mr * Peabody and Mr Bellows were joined.

* 2 : 100

A Vote to pay the Account of Samuel Penhallow, Esqr amounting to three pounds, for his services as a special Justice of the Superior Court, was brought up, read & concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate to consider of the Petition of the Selectmen of New-Castle: and also the Petition of the selectmen of Warren, and report thereon, was brought up read & concurred: Mr Thornton and Mr McClary were joined.

Adjourned 'till Nine O'Clock tomorrow morning.

SATURDAY, February 11th, 1786.

Present all the Senate.

Both Houses met in Committee, and spent the forenoon on sundry matters.

MONDAY, February 13th, 1786.

A Vote to allow the Account exhibited by the Selectmen of Alstead, amounting to sixteen shillings & seven pence, for Taxes on the Estate of Simon Baxter, an absentee, was brought up read and concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate to consider of a Vote passed the last Session of the General-Court Establishing a Post from Portsmouth through several Towns in this State and report such alterations as they may Judge necessary, was brought up, read & concurred: Mr Atkinson, Mr Peabody and Mr Chase were joined.

*A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the *2: 101
Senate, to Consider of the Petition of Jonathan Woodcock,
and similar matters and report thereon was brought up read and concurred: Mr Bellows and Mr Joshua Wentworth were joined.

A Vote to grant the prayer of the Petition of John Young, and giving him leave to bring in a Bill accordingly, was brought up read & concurred.

An Act for the Opening and making passable a High-way from Dartmouth College to Boscawen was read a third time & *Voted* that the same be enacted.

Adjourned till to morrow, Nine O'Clock, A. M.

TUESDAY, February 14th, 1786.

Present all the senate.

Both Houses met in Committee, and spent the Day.

WEDNESDAY, February 15th 1786.

Present all the senate.

A Vote for the Public hearings which were to have been on the Twenty fourth Instant before the General Court to be heard this day, was brought up, read & concurred.

An Act to Confirm a donation that the Pious design of the donor may not be prevented was read a third time & *Voted* that the same be Enacted.

Adjourned 'till to-morrow, Nine O'Clock, A. M.

*THURSDAY, February 16th, 1786. *2: 102

Present all the senate, except Mr Joshua Wentworth.

A Vote to postpone the hearing on the Petition of George Clark until the third Wednesday of the next Session was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote to grant the prayer of the Petition of Oliver Wright and giving him leave to bring in a Bill accordingly, was brought up read & concurred.

A Vote that all the hearings on Petitions before the House on the 15th Instant should be postponed to Tuesday next was brought up read and concurred.

A Vote to grant the prayer of the Petition of the Church Wardens of Queen's-Chapel, in Portsmouth & giving them leave to bring in a bill accordingly was brought up read & concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate to Consider of the petitions of the Towns of Lebanon, Plainfield, &c and report thereon was brought up read and concurred : Mr Thornton, Mr McClary and Mr John Wentworth joined.

A Vote to grant the prayer of the Petition of Barnabas Clark & giving him leave to bring in a Bill accordingly, was brought up read, and concurred.

A Vote to allow the Town of Marlborough fifteen shillings and ten pence three farthings, for taxes on Land of Elijah Williams, an absentee, was brought up, read & concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the senate, to Consider of the petition of Joanna Chapman, and report
*2 : 103 *thereon was brought up read and concurred : Mr John Wentworth was joined.

A Vote to grant the prayer of the Petition of John Pickering Junr also of the Petition of Henry Kenistone, and giving each of them leave to bring in a Bill accordingly, was brought up read & concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the senate, to Consider of the Petition of Hugh Tallent, and report thereon was brought up read and concurred : Mr John Wentworth joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate to consider the Petition of Azariah Webb and report thereon was brought up read & concurred : Mr Atkinson was joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate to consider of the Petition of the selectmen of Newport, and report thereon was brought up read and concurred : Mr Baker was joined.

A Vote to hear the Petition of susanna Dodge on the third Wednesday of the next Session, was brought up read & concurred.

Adjourned till to morrow, Nine O'Clock, A. M.

FRIDAY, February 17th, 1786.

Present all the senate, except Mr Bellows.

An Act to incorporate a Certain part of Holles with the Inhabitants of Raby, was read a third time, and *Voted* that the same be enacted.

*A Vote granting the prayer of the petition of William Fowler and giving him leave to bring in a Bill accordingly, was brought up read and non-concurred. *2:104

A Vote granting the prayer of the Petition of Henry Gerrish and giving him leave to bring in a Bill accordingly was brought up read, and non-concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the senate to consider of the Petition of David Currier & report thereon was brought up read and concurred: Mr Gilman & Mr Webster were joined.

A Vote that Col. Joshua Wentworth deduct the seventh part of the rum tax for 1781, for the Towns of Lemster & Croydon; and the fourth part out of the Town of Marlow was brought up read and concurred.

A Vote to suspend the operation of the Navigation act (so called) for a Certain time, was brought up read & non-concurred.

A Vote to allow the Town of Piermont, towards their taxes five thousand three hundred & Ninety three pounds ten shillings, of Continental bills, paid Major Jonathan Child to buy beef, in the year 1780 was brought up, read & concurred.

A Vote to grant the prayer of the Petition of Daniel Gookin, was brought up read and non-concurred.

A Vote to grant the prayer of the Petition of Hugh Tallent and giving him leave to bring in a Bill accordingly, was brought up read and concurred.

A Vote to grant the prayer of the Petition of Jacob Copland for crediting the Town of stoddard with a quantity of Beef was brought up read & concurred.

Adjourned 'till to morrow Nine O'Clock, A. M.

*SATERDAY, February 18th, 1786. *2:105

Present as Yesterday.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the senate to Consider of the Petition of Jeremiah Eames Esqr and others in behalf of sundry Towns in the upper Cöos (so called) was brought up read and concurred: Mr Worcester & Mr Webster were joined.

A Vote that Mr Joshua Wentworth & Mr Baker be a Committee to join with such of the Honorable House as they shall appoint to Consider of some proper method for issuing proclamations annually for holding public days of fasting, and also Public Days of thanksgiving, and to bring in a bill or resolve for the purpose, was sent down for concurrence —

Adjourned 'till Monday next, three O'Clock P. M.

MONDAY, February 20th, 1786—

Present as on saturday, except Mr Baker Mr John Wentworth & Mr Webster.

A Vote that Thursday the sixth Day of April next, be observed and kept as a Day of Public fasting throughout this State: and that his Excellency the President, with advice of Council issue a Proclamation for that purpose, was brought up read, and concurred.

Adjourned 'till to-morrow, Nine O'Clock.

TUESDAY, February 21st 1786—

2:106 Present all the senate except Mr John Wentworth and Mr Bellows.

An Act to alter the time of holding the annual Meetings in the Town of Packersfield, was read a third time, and *Voted* that the same be enacted.

A Vote granting the prayer of the Petition of Edward Smith and giving him leave to bring in a Bill accordingly, was brought up read and concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the senate to Consider of the Petition of Plainfield, Labanon Cornish Hanover and Canaan, Also the Petition of Bath & report thereon was brought up read, and concurred: Mr Joshua Wentworth, Mr Peabody, Mr Thornton & Mr Gilman were joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the senate to Consider what sum is necessary to be raised for the expenditures of the Current Year, Also in what manner it shall be paid, and report a supply Bill for that purpose was brought up read & concurred: Mr Atkinson, Mr McClary and Mr Peabody were joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the senate to Consider of the Petition of Doctor Jonathan Gove & report thereon was brought up read & concurred: Mr Baker, Mr Joshua Wentworth, and Mr Webster were joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the senate to Consider of the Petition of Major John Young and report thereon was brought up read & concurred: Mr. Webster was joined.

An Act to impower the Superior Court of Judicature, to render compleat and perfect Judgment for Damages & Costs in
2:107 an Action brought at said Court by Zebulon Marsh against Edward Hilton, and to award Execution thereon was read a third time and *Voted* that the same be enacted.

A Vote that the Town of Wendell be credited the sum of sixty pounds for one Long, a Continental soldier, together with the Interest charged, brought up read and concurred.

A Vote to except the report of the Committee on the Petition of the Town of Newport, Viz. That the Treasurer be ordered to Credit said Town for fifty-four pounds, agreeably to an order signed by the President in favour of said Newport, with Interest on said Order for three Years & seven months amounting to Eleven pounds eleven shillings & Eight pence was brought up read, and concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the senate, to Consider of the Petition of General James Reed, and report thereon was brought up read & concurred: Mr Thornton & Mr Peabody were joined.

A Vote to accept the report of the Committee on the Petition of Joseph Kimball, in behalf of the Town of Plainfield, that the Treasurer receive the paper Bills mentioned in said petition, and account for them at the value of the amount in the year 1779, was brought up read & concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the senate to Consider of the Petition of Hugh McKeen,* and others, and all similar matters and report thereon was brought up read and concurred: Mr Baker & Mr Webster were joined. * 2 : 108

A resolve that the Commissinors on the Estate of Breed Batcheldor an absentee, are impowered to receive, consider and allow the Claim of Oliver Wright with Interest, in Case they find the same just notwithstanding the Execution is returned satisfied was brought up read and concurred.

A Vote that the Town of Orford be Credited for four soldiers, each sixty pounds together with the Interest charged in an extent issued against said Town they satisfying the sheriff for his fees was brought up read & concurred.

Adjourned 'till to morrow, Nine O'Clock, A. M.

WEDNESDAY, February 22d 1786.

Present as Yesterday.

A Vote to allow Jonathan Woodcock the Depreciation of his wages and that the Committee appointed for that purpose govern themselves accordingly, was brought up read and concurred.

A Vote to allow Sylvanus Reed the Depreciation of his Wages was brought up read and concurred.

A Vote to allow the account of the selectmen of Londonderry amounting to twenty two pounds four shillings & Eleven pence for taking care of one John Disney, was brought up read & concurred.

A Vote to allow the Ballance of the Account of Betty Hickey amounting to thirteen pounds eleven shillings for boarding Robert Crow, Deceased, was brought up read & concurred.

*2:109 *A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate to Consider of the Petition of Henry Fields and all similar matters and report thereon was brought up read & concurred: Mr Joshua Wentworth was joined.

A Vote to hear the petition of Allen Willard on the third Tuesday of the next Session was brought up read & concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to Consider of the Petition of John Pierce, and report thereon was brought up read and concurred: Mr Thornton, Mr Peabody & Mr Joshua Wentworth were joined.

A Vote to hear the petition of James Hubbard (who prays for the exclusive privilege of keeping a ferry) on the third Tuesday of the next Session was brought up read & concurred.

An Act in Addition to an Act entitled "an Act to establish an equitable method of making rates & taxes, and determining who shall be legal Voters in town and parish affairs, and also for repealing certain acts herein after mentioned, & to explain certain clauses thereof," was read a third time & *Voted*, that the same be enacted.

A Vote on the Petition of Jeremiah Eames & others praying, that the Privilege of a ferry over Connecticut River might be granted to Thomas Burnside, be re-considered: and the prayer of said Petition be granted: and that the Petitioner have leave to bring in a Bill accordingly was brought up read and concurred.

*2:110 *A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate to consider of the Petition of John Wendall Esqr & report thereon was brought up read & concurred: Mr Joshua Wentworth & Mr Chase were joined.

A Vote to hear the Petition of the selectmen of Hillsborough on the third Wednesday of the next Session, was brought up, read & concurred.

A Vote on the Petition of Thomas Christy, that he have and receive out of the Treasury, two hundred & twelve pounds Eleven shillings & six pence for Money loaned the state, was brought up read and Concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate to consider of what allowance shall be made to the Officers of the civil List the members of the General Court &c and when this Court shall be adjourned, and report thereon was brought up read and concurred: Mr McClary Mr Joshua Wentworth, & Mr Atkinson were joined.

An Act to enable the Parishioeners of the Episcopal Church of

Queen's Chapel in Portsmouth to levy and assess parochial Taxes on the Pews in said Chapel, as well as on the Polls, & Estates of said Parishioners and to direct the mode of collecting the same having been read a third time *Voted* that the same pass to be enacted, was sent down for concurrence & brought up concurred.

Adjourned 'till to-morrow nine O'Clock, A. M.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23d, 1786—

Present as on saturday except Mr Bellows.

A Vote to abate the Towns of Lancaster, Northumberland, Dartmouth & Startford; all Taxes due from said Towns * 2 : 111
prior * to the year 1784, was brought up read & concurred.

A Vote to hear the Petition of Calvin Frink on the third Wednesday of the next Session was brought up, read and nonconcurred.

An Act to Confirm the Title of a certain tract of Land in Rindge to Barnabas Barker, his heirs & assigns, having been read three times & *Voted* that the same be Enacted.

A Vote to pay the Account of Christopher Toppan Esqr amounting to fifty five shillings & six pence for a Journey to vew the fort, also a Journey to Exeter at the sale of Excise was brought up read & concurred.

A Vote to pay the Account of Thomas Bartlett Esqr amounting to three pounds fifteen shillings & six pence as one of the Committee to view the fort, also for a Journey at the sale of Excise was brought up read & concurred.

A Vote to pay the Account of General Joseph Badger, amounting to three pounds Nineteen shillings, for a Journey to Plymouth &c was brought up read & concurred.

A Vote to pay the Account of David Swett, amounting to Eighteen shillings for taking an invoice of Campbell's-Gore, was brought up read & concurred:

A Vote to pay the Account of William Plummer amounting to twelve shillings for Drawing articles for sale of Excise, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote to pay the Account of Benjamin Lamson amounting to three pounds fifteen shillings for Expences at the sale
* of Excise was brought up, read & concurred. * 2 : 112

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate to consider of the memorial of Lemuel Holmes, Esqr and report thereon was brought up read & concurred Mr John Wentworth & Mr Chase were joined.

An Act in addition to an Act directing the admission of Town Inhabitants having been read a third time *Voted* that the same be non-concurred.

An Act to repeal an Act, entitled "An Act to prevent the Bodies of Debtors being taken in Execution when real or Personal Estate can be found, or is tendered to satisfy the Demand having been read three times *Voted* that the same Pass to be Enacted was sent Down for Concurrence.

A Vote to grant the prayer of the Petition of Jonathan Moulton Esqr and giving him leave to bring in a Bill accordingly was brought up read and concurred.

Adjourned 'till to morrow, Nine O'Clock, A. M.

FRIDAY, February 24th, 1786.

Present as Yesterday

A Vote of the House of Yesterday, to Postpone the hearing on the Petition of Benjamin Trip until this Day was brought up read & concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to Consider of some method for repairing and making passable the Roads leading from Portsmouth to Connecticut River and report thereon was brought up read & Concurred.

*2:113 * A Vote to grant the prayer of the Petition of John Peirce in behalf of John Fisher Esqr, and giving him leave to bring in a Bill accordingly was brought up read & concurred.

A Vote to grant the prayer of the Petition of Mary Conant and giving her leave to bring in a bill accordingly, was brought up read & concurred.

An Act laying a fine on delinquent sheriffs, & Town Clerks having been read a third time it was *Voted* that the same be Enacted.

Adjourned 'till to morrow, Nine O'Clock, A. M.

SATURDAY, February 25th, 1786.

Present as Yesterday —

A Vote to grant the prayer of the Petition of Joshua Foss Junr and giving him leave to bring in a Bill accordingly was brought up read and concurred.

A Vote to grant the prayer of the Petition of Benjamin Tripp and giving him leave to bring in a bill accordingly was brought up read & non-concurred.

An Act to vest the exclusive Privilege of keeping a ferry over a Certain part of Connecticut River, in Samuel Bayley having been read a third time, it was *Voted* that the same be enacted.

An Act to vest the Privilege of keeping a ferry over a certain part of Connecticut River in Benjamin Bellows, of Walpole, his heirs & assigns having been read a third time it was *Voted* that the same be enacted.

* An act to vest the exclusive Privilege of keeping a ferry over a certain part of Connecticut River in Joseph Kimball of Plainfield his heirs & assigns, having been read a third time, it was voted that the same be Enacted. * 2 : 114

A Vote to Credit the Town of Unity for one Man in their quota of the late Continental soldiers was brought up read & concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the senate to consider of the Petition of James Knowles Esqr in behalf of the town of Rochester was brought up read and concurred, and Mr Baker was joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the senate, to consider of the Petition of John Wendell Esqr and report thereon was brought up, read & concurred : and Mr Atkinson & M^{r} McClary were joined

A Vote to pay Jonathan Warner Esqr one hundred & forty four pounds thirteen shillings & five pence in full for his Demand on the state for a Vessel used as a fire ship in the late War was brought up read & concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the senate, to consider of the Petition of Nathan Barlow & report thereon was brought up, read and concurred : Mr John Wentworth was joined.

Adjourned 'till Monday next three O'Clock, P. M.

MONDAY, February 27th 1786

Present all the senate except Mr Gilman & Mr Bellows.

* A Vote that the Town of Surry be credited for the whole amount of the beef delivered John Miller being three thousand and three hundred Weight and that the Treasurer Credit the Town accordingly, was brought up read and concurred. * 2 : 115

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate to consider of the Petition of Colonel Simon Willard and the selectmen of swanzey also the Petition of Alexander Parkman & report thereon was brought up read & concurred : Mr Baker was joined.

An Act for laying out high-ways was read a third time & *Voted* that the same be enacted.

An Act for mending & repairing high-ways in this State was read a third time and *Voted* that the same be enacted.

An Act to prevent encroachments upon high ways was read a third time & *Voted* that the same be Enacted.

An Act for repealing sundry Laws of this State relative to high ways, was read a third time & *Voted* that the same be Enacted.

An Act to restore Henry Kennisan to his right in certain Land in Barnstead was read a third time, & *Voted* that the same be Enacted.

An Act to restore Hugh Tallent to his Law, having been read a third time & *Voted* that the same be Enacted.

An Act to restore John Pickering Junr to his right to Certain Land in Barnstead was read a third time & *Voted* that the same be Enacted.

*2:116 * Adjourned 'till tomorrow, Nine O'Clock, A. M.

TUESDAY, February 28th, 1786.

Present as Yesterday —

An act to vest the exclusive privilege of keeping a ferry over a certain part of Connecticut river, in Moses Chase his heirs & assigns, having been read a third time *voted* that the same pass to be Enacted was sent down Concurrence & brought up concurred.

A Vote to accept the report of the Committee on the petition of Azariah Webb Esqr in behalf of the Town of Piermont, Viz. that the said Town be Credited for three Continental soldiers, the sum of sixty pounds each with the Interest thereof, on settlement of the Account charged against said Town of Piermont, for deficiency of soldiers was brought up read & concurred.

A Vote that the town of Orford be allowed & Credited the sum of sixty pounds & the Interest thereof on settlement of the account charged against said Town for the Deficiency of soldiers & that the Treasurer take order accordingly was brought up read & concurred.

A Vote to accept the report of the Committee on account of Richard Hart, that there be allowed & paid to the said Hart one hundred & twenty five pounds ten shillings & seven pence in full of said account, was brought up read & concurred.

A Vote that the Treasurer issue a Note in favor of samuel Potter of equal value to that said to be burnt, he giving bond to return the Latter into the Treasurer in case it shall ever be found was brought up read & concurred.

*2:117 * An Act to vacate the Proceedings on an Execution against Joseph Kelley, was read a third time & *Voted*, that the same be enacted.

An Act to annul and made void a Judgment of Court obtained against Ebenezer Torry by David Larned & Abel Larned was read a third time & *Voted* that the same be Enacted.

A Vote that Col. James Hacket of Exeter, Col. James Hill of Newmarket, & Mr Andrew Wiggen Junr of Stratham be & they are hereby appointed a Committee to direct the repair of Newmarket bridge agreeable to an Act of this state for repairing said bridge & that they be a Committee until another shall be appointed in their stead was brought up read & concurred.

An act to regulate the price & assize of bread was read a third time & *Voted* that the same pass to be enacted — sent down for concurrence.

An Act to prevent the keeping of large quantities of Gun powder in private houses in Portsmouth, & for appointing a keeper of the Magazine belonging to said Town, having been read a third time & *Voted* that the same be enacted.

An Act to discount an Execution of Israel Morey against the Proprietors of Piermont, was read a third time, and it was *Voted* that the same be enacted.

An Act to restore John Fisher Esqr his property within this state was read a third time and it was *Voted* that the same be enacted.

* An Act to restore John Young to his Law was read * 2 : 118
a third time and *Voted* that the same be enacted.

An act for granting a Lottery to finish a Bridge over Baker's River, so called in Plymouth was read a third time, and it was *Voted* that the same be enacted.

An Act to regulate the repair of Newmarket Bridge over Exeter River from Stratham to Newmarket and directing the manner in which the same shall be repaired in future was read a third time & *Voted* that the same be enacted.

A Vote to accept the report of the Committee on the Petition of Plainfield, &^c^ and similar matters that the Town of Lime be Credited for three Continental soldiers, and that they be allowed the sum of sixty pounds for each of said Men with the Interest thereof on the settlement of the account the state has against said Lime, for deficiency of soldiers, was brought up read & concurred.

A Vote to hear the Petition of Josiah Willard on the third Wednesday of the next session was brought up read & concurred.

An Act to facilitate the payment of out standing taxes was read a third time & *Voted* that the same be Enacted.

An Act for supplying the Treasurer of this State with ten thousand five hundred pounds, for the purpose of discharging the specie part of a requisition of Congress of the Twenty seventh of September last said to be this State's quota of the Interest of the foreign Debt

of the United States was read a third time & *Voted* that the same be Enacted.

*2:119 *A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate to Consider of the Petition of Moses Dow Esq. in behalf of Haverhill and Piermont and report thereon was brought up read and concurred Mr Worcester was joined.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the senate to Consider of the resolve of Congress of the fifteenth of February, 1786 and report thereon was bro't up read and concurred Mr Atkinson was joined.

Adjourned 'till to morrow, Nine O'Clock, A. M.

WEDNESDAY, March 1st 1786.

Present all the senate — Except Mr McClary, Mr Gilman and Mr Bellows.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate to Consider of the Account of Moses Chase Esqr and all similar matters, and report thereon was brought up read & concurred Mr John Wentworth was joined.

A Vote for a Committee to be added to the Committee on the Petition of Jonathan Warner Esqr was brought up read and concurred: Mr Webster was joined.

A resolve that the selectmen of New Bradford be authorized and impowered to assess and Collect all the outstanding taxes remaining against (making a distinct list for each year) in one tax in the usual form upon the Lands in said Town by the Lots, and that no extents issue against said Town either for soldiers or said taxes until the first of January next, and that the extent now against said Town be stayed 'till said first of January was brought up read & concurred.

*2:120 *A Vote to pay the Account of Dr. A. R. Cutter amounting to Twenty six pounds one shilling was brought up read & concurred.

A Vote that the Town of Rochester be allowed the pay for Daniel Alley, and that the Treasurer deduct the same from the sum said Town is called on for was brought up read & concurred.

A Vote that the Town of Croydon be Credited sixty pounds with the Interest thereof on the extent against said Town they paying the Sheriff's fees was brought up read and concurred.

A Vote to pay the account of Dr. Nathaniel Kidder amounting to four pounds two shillings & one penny was brought up read & concurred.

A Vote to pay Benjamin Knight ten pounds and six pence for surgeon's bill and for nursing &c was brought up read & concurred

A Vote to pay the ballance of the account of Mark Hunking Wentworth Esqr amounting to three hundred & Ninety three pounds Nine shillings was brought up read & concurred.

A Vote to pay the account of Sarah Little amounting to seven pounds one shilling & three pence was brought up read & concurred.

A Vote to pay the pay-roll of Capt Meshech Bell amounting to eighty pounds, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote to pay the account of Capt Meshech Bell, amounting to four pounds ten shillings, for wood at the fort was brought up read and concurred.

* An Act to restore Benjamin Cummings to his share * 2 : 121
in the real Estate of his late Father, having been read a
third time it was *Voted* that the same be Enacted.

An Act to vest the exclusive privilege of keeping a ferry over a certain part of Connecticut river in Thomas Burnside his heirs and assigns was read a third time and *Voted* that the same be enacted.

A Vote to accept the report of the Committee on a Petition in behalf of the Town of Bath that said Town be Credited for William Grimshaw sixty pounds with the Interest thereof, also that the said Town of Bath be entitled to receive twenty pounds for procuring said soldier, was brought up read and concurred.

A resolve that the Town of Bath be abated four fifth of all taxes and requirements against them previous to the year 1780 and half of all taxes &c for 1780, 1781, 1782 & 1783, and four ninths of all taxes &c founded on the last proportion — act was brought up read & concurred.

A resolve that the Town of Cardigan be abated to thirds (including former abatements) of all Taxes &c previous to the last proportion act was brought up read & concurred.

A Vote to accept the report on the Petition of Jonathan Warner Esq. and that he have leave to bring in a bill accordingly was brought up read & concurred.

A Vote that his Excellency the President, have and receive out of the Treasury two hundred pounds, as salary from the first of June 1785 to June 1786 was brought up read and concurred.

* A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the * 2 : 122
Senate to Consider of the memorial of Noah Emery Junr
and all similar matters, and report thereon was brought up read and concurred: Mr John Wentworth was joined.

A Vote to pay the account of Col. Benjamin Sumner amounting

to thirty shillings for selling the Excise in the County of Cheshire was brought up read & concurred.

A Vote to accept the report of the Committee on the Petition of John Wendell Esqr that the Judge of Probate be directed to adjust and settle the said Wendell's demands against said Wentworth's Estate allowing interest as prayed for in said Petition was brought up read & concurred.

A Vote to pay the ballance of the account of Capt Moses Woodward as Commissary of Prisoners amounting to two hundred and sixty Nine pounds nineteen shillings & five pence in full of all his demand and that he be allowed to return into the Treasury sixty three dollars, new emission bills was brought up read & concurred.

Adjourned 'till tomorrow Nine O'Clock.

THURSDAY, March 2^d 1786.

Present as Yesterday.

An Act to tax the Lands in Barrington for repairing highways was read a third time and *Voted* that the same be Enacted.

A Vote that Mr Atkinson Mr Thornton & Mr Baker be a Committee with such of the Honorable house as they shall join to
* 1 : 123 nominate three proper Persons out of whom * to chuse one to deliver a sermon at the next election was sent down for Concurrence by Mr Webster & brought up concurred.

A Vote on the Petition of John Neal & James McGregore that they receive out of the Treasury the sum of thirty pounds, and that his Excellency give order accordingly was brought up read & concurred.

A Vote granting the prayer of the Petition of John Combs relative to a Note was brought up read & concurred.

A Vote allowing the Township of Coventry sixty pounds and the Interest thereof for a recruit in Hazen's Regiment and that the Treasury take order accordingly was brought up read & concurred:

A Vote that his Excellency the President with advice of the Honorable Council be requested to remove from the Office of Justice of the Peace & special Justice of the Superior Court for the County of Rockingham Jeremiah Gilman Esqr of Plastow as a Person unsuitable to fill those important offices was sent down for concurrence by the Deputy secretary, and bro't up concurred — It is to be remembered that his Excellency the President and those of the senate who are members of the Council did not act on the above Vote.

A Vote that the Town of Landaff be abated and Credited one full Moiety of all Taxes and requisition appointed thereto previous to the last proportion act taking place and that the Town of Landaff be

abated on sixth part of the proportion assigned thereto
* in the last proportion Act from the passing thereof until * 2 : 124
a new proportion be made was brought up read and Concurred.

A Vote to accept the report of the Committee on the Petition of Lebanon that no extent issue against said Town until the first of January next and that the Treasurer receive from Robert Colburn sixty six pounds twelve shillings in New Hampshire bills and Credit said Town for the nominal amount in discharge of outstanding taxes was brought up read and concurred.

A Vote that the Town of Grafton be abated for taxes and requisitions from 1777 to 1780 two thirds and from 1780 to 1783 one half of said taxes and requisitions and that the extent now against said Town for soldiers be stayed and no other extent be issued until the first day of January next was brought up read and concurred.

A Vote that the Town of Warren be abated twelve pounds thirteen shillings & five pence in their proportion of ratable Estate as set to them in the last proportion Act and added to Piermont and Wentworth, and that the sum of six pounds twelve shillings & six pence be added to Piermont: and that the sum of six pounds & Eleven pence be added to Wentworth was brought up read and Concurred.

A Vote that no extent issue against the Town of Orford for outstanding taxes until the first Day of January next was brought up read and Concurred.

* A Vote to allow the Town of Hanover, sixty pounds * 2 : 125
each for five soldiers by them procured & the Interest
thereof: and that said Town be abated two fifth parts of all the taxes previous to the Last proportion act taking place: and that the said Town have a further allowance sufficient to discharge the whole of the extent or charge for the deficiency of soldiers: and that the Treasury receive from Jonathan Freeman, Esq. four hundred & thirty four pounds fourteen shillings in New Hampshire bills and Credit said Town for the nominal amount thereof in Discharge of outstanding taxes & that no extent issue against said Town 'till January next was brought up read & concurred.

A Vote to allow the Town of Marlborough for a recruit and interest for the same they paying for the service of the extents was brought up read and concurred.

A Vote that the Town of Claremont have Credit for a recruit the sum of sixty pounds with Interest was brought up read and concurred.

A Vote to vest the exclusive privilege of keeping a ferry over a certain part of Connecticut River in Micah Reed his heirs and assigns was read a third time & *Voted* that the same be Enacted.

A Vote that Solomon Cole an invalid have one third of his Monthly pay from the time his whole pay ceased, was brought up read & concurred.

* 2 : 126 * A Vote that the Town of Plainfield be abated of their Taxes Viz. from the Doomage 1777 to 1780 one half : from 1780 to 1783 two fifths : and from 1783 until a new proportion four Ninths; and that no extent be issued against said Town until the first Day of January next, was brought up read and concurred.

A Vote that W. Adams, W. Brooks, D. Ames, S. Hobard [Hubbard][1], J. Brooks, and J. Taylor, privates in Capt Chapman's Company, Col. Hower's regiment of artillery and artificers be allowed the depreciation of their Wages if they have not already received it from Massachusetts was brought up read and concurred.

A Vote to allow half pay to Gen. James Reed commencing the thirty first December 1780 agreeable to a resolve of Congress of the Twenty sixth Day of August 1776 was brought up read & concurred.

A Vote that the Town of Lyman be abated one half of all their Taxes up to the last proportion act : and one quarter of all taxes &^c 'till another proportion shall take place, was brought up read & Concurred.

A Vote that no extent issue against the Town of Canaan for outstanding taxes and if any has issued they be stayed 'till the first of January next was brought up read & Concurred.

A Vote on the Petition of Cornish that said Town be abated of the Taxes &^c by doomage from the year 1777 to 1780, one half, from 1780 to 1783 one fourth, including what has already been abated & from 1783 to a New proportion four ninths. and the extent now against said Town be stayed and none issue 'till the first Day of January next, was bro't up read & concurred.

* 2 : 127 * A Vote that the Town of Lyman be allowed the sum of sixty pounds with the Interest thereof was brought up read & Concurred.

A Vote that Stephen Richardson have one third of monthly pay to commence when his whole pay ceased was brought up read and concurred.

A Vote that the Rev. Doctor Samuel Langdon be requested to preach the Election Sermon at Concord on the first Wednesday of June next and that his Excellency the President be desired to give the said Doctor Langdon seasonable notice thereof was brought up read & concurred.

A Vote that the Town of Swanzey be allowed pay for Amasa Parker with the Interest thereof : and that the Town of Winchester be

1. See vote of 4th March.

allowed for Moses Powers twenty pounds with Interest from the Time of muster was brought up read and concurred.

A resolve that the Town of Lyman be abated one half of all their taxes &c up to the last proportion and that the selectmen are impowered to levy and assess the remainder in two tax bills &c Also that the selectmen are impowered to levy any & all remaining tax or taxes from the proprietors of said Town in the same manner as other taxes of non residents proprietors are collected, and that no extent issue against *said Town till the first Day of January * 2 : 128
next, and that said abatements be considered to exclude said Town from all demands prior to the passing this resolve, was brought up read and concurred.

adjourned 'till to morrow Nine O'Clock, A. M.

FRIDAY, March 3d 1786.

Present as Yesterday.

A Vote that the Town of Concord Alias Gunthwaite be Credited for Josiah Pratt a Continental soldier the sum of sixty pounds with the Interest thereof was brought up read and concurred.

A Vote that the Petition of Unity lay 'till the next Session; that no extent issue against said Town; and that they have an opportunity to return an inventory, was brought up read and concurred.

A Vote to pay John Calfe Esqr five pounds ten shillings the amount of his account for recording & Copying &c was brought up read and concurred.

A Vote to pay Jesse Johnson thirty six shillings for a Book to record journals &c was brought up read and concurred.

A Resolve that the selectmen of Concord Alias Gunthwaite be impowered to assess any sums of money that may be due from said Town from the Year 1775 to the year 1783, inclusively on the lands of the Proprietors of said Town in the Present year's Tax bill, and that all extents &c be stayed 'till the first Day of January next was brought up read and concurred.

* A resolve that the selectmen of the several towns, dis- * 2 : 129
tricts, and parishes within this state are required to make a return of all the Inhabitants within their respective districts to the Secretary of this State on or before the second Wednesday of June next was brought up read and concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the senate to Consider of the Accounts of the Printers was bro't up read and concurred: Mr Atkinson joined.

A Vote that Benjamin Biggelow receive out of the Treasury thirty

pounds for which he is to be accountable, was brought up read and concurred.

A Resolve that the Town of Chester be allowed for two recruits Pelham two Northampton one Portsmouth one and Seabrook one twenty pounds each as bounty, &c was brought up read and concurred: and re-considered, ordered to lay 'till next Session.

A Vote that Joshua Bell receive one half of his monthly pay from the time his whole pay ceased was brought up read & concurred.

A Vote that the Town of Hampton be allowed seventy one pounds one shilling and eight pence for Interest due on an extent & twenty pounds and Interest thereon was brought up read and Concurred. re-Considered and ordered to lay 'till next Session.

*2:130 *A Vote to pay the ballance of the account of Benjamin Biggelow amounting to fifteen pounds for supplies at the fort was brought up read and Concurred.

An act for altering the time of holding the Inferior Court of Common pleas, holden by Law on the first Tuesday of June annually at Portsmouth in & for the County of Rockingham, was read a third time and *Voted* that the same be Enacted.

An act to amend and relieve against a Mistake made in the Levy of an Execution in favor of Jonathan Warner, Esqr against William Reeve and others was read a third time and *Voted* that the same be enacted.

A Vote directing the Treasurer to attend the General Court at Concord in June next was brought up read and concurred.

A Vote that the secretary receive twenty pounds for his Salary from June 1785 to June 1786 was brought up read and concurred.

A Vote to pay David Bryent twenty four shillings for notifying several companies to fill up their respective quota of soldiers was brought up read & concurred.

A Vote that the Treasurer have one hundred & fifty pounds as salary, seventy-five pounds for responsibility of Office, and sixty pounds for Clerk in full from the twelfth Day of June 1785 to the twelfth Day of June 1786 was brought up read and Concurred.

A Vote to pay John Sparhawk Esqr five pounds seventeen shillings & five pence for sundries for the use of the State was brought up read and concurred.

*2:131 *A Vote to pay the Rev. Doctor Samuel Haven and the Rev. Mr Joseph Buckminster three pounds each for their kind services as Chaplains to the General Court the Current year was brought up read and concurred.

A Vote granting the prayer of the Petition of B. Dearborn and giving him leave to bring in a bill for that purpose at this or next Session was brought up read and concurred.

A Vote that the members of the Honorable senate and House of Representatives & their Officers have the same pay as at the last Session of the General Court was brought up read and concurred.

A Vote that John M^c^Coy receive the one half of his Monthly pay from the time his whole pay ceased was brought up read & Concurred.

A Vote to pay Mr Daniel Humphreys four pounds four shillings for engrossing bills was brought up read and concurred.

A Vote for Josiah Powers to receive half pay from the time his whole pay ceased was brought up read and concurred.

A Vote that General Sullivan receive seventy five pounds as Attorney General the Year past was brought up read and concurred.

A Vote that solomon Todd receive half pay from the time his whole pay ceased 'till further order, was brought up read and concurred.

*An Act to vest the exclusive privilege of keeping a ferry over a certain part of Connecticut river in Solomon Robbins, his heirs and assigns was read a third time and *Voted* that the same be enacted. *2 : 132

adjourned 'till tomorrow, Nine O'clock, A. M.

SATURDAY, March 4th, 1786.

Present as yesterday.

A Vote to pay John Prentice thirty five shillings for time expences &^c^ selling Excise was brought up read and concurred.

An Act for raising the sum of ten thousand pounds for the use of this state the present year was read a third time and *Voted* that same be enacted.

An act to establish certain Impost Duties on various foreign articles imported into this State was read a third time and *Voted* that the same be enacted.

A Vote that the Town of Plainfield be abated of their taxes, Viz. from the Doomage 1777 to 1780, one half from 1780 to 1783 two fifths; and from 1783 until a New proportion four Ninths and that no extents be issued against said Town until the first Day of January next, was brought up read & concurred.

A Vote that W. Adams, W. Brooks, D. Ames, S. Hubberd, J. Brooks and J. Taylor privates in Capt Chapman's Company, Col. Howers Regiment artillery & artificers be allowed the Depreciation of their Wages if they have not already received it from Massachusetts was brought up, read & concurred:

A Vote to allow half pay to Gen. James Read commencing the thirty first December 1780 agreeably to a resolve of Congress of the Twenty sixth of August 1776 was bro't up read & concurred.

*2 : 133 *A Vote that the Town of Lyman be abated one half of all their taxes up to the last proportion act, and one quarter of all taxes &c 'till another proportion shall take place was brought up read & concurred.

A Vote that no extent issue against the Town of Canaan for outstanding taxes, and if any has issued they be stayed 'till the first of January next was brought up read and concurred.

A Vote on the Petition of Cornish that said Town be abated of the Taxes &c by Doomage from the year 1777 to 1780 one half; from 1780 to 1783 one fourth including what has already been abated & from 1783 to a New proportion, four Ninths; and that said Town be allowed sixty pounds with interest and that the extent now against said Town be stayed and none issue 'till the first Day of January next. was brought up read & concurred.

A Vote that the Town of Lyman be allowed the sum of sixty pounds with the Interest thereof was brought up read and concurred.

A Vote that Stephen Richardson have one third of monthly pay to commence when his whole pay ceased was brought up read & concurred.

A Vote that the Rev. Doctor Samuel Langdon be requested to preach an Election sermon at Concord on the first Wednesday of June next and that his Excellency the President be desired to give the said Doctor Langdon seasonable notice thereof was brought up read & concurred.

A Vote that the Town of Swanzey be allowed pay for Am-

*2 : 134 asa Parker with the Interest thereof; and that *the Town of Winchester be allowed for Moses Powers twenty pounds with Interest from the time of Muster, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Resolve that the Town of Lyman be abated one half of all their taxes &c up to the last proportion, and that the selectmen are impowered to levy and assess the remainder in two tax bills &c also that the Selectmen are impowered to levy any & all remaining tax or taxes from the proprietors of said Town in the same manner as other taxes of non-resident proprietors are collected: and that no extent issue against said Town 'till the first Day of January next; and that said abatements be considered to exclude said Town from all demands prior to the passing this resolve was brought up read & concurred.

Adjourned till tomorrow, Nine O'Clock, A. M.

FRIDAY, MARCH 3d, 1786.

Present as Yesterday.

A Vote that the Town of Concord Alias Gunthwaite be Credited for Josiah Pratt a Continental soldier the sum of sixty pounds with the Interest thereof was brought up read & concurred.

A Vote that the Petition of Unity lay till the next Session; that no extent issue against said Town that they have an opportunity to return an inventory was brought up read and concurred.

A Vote to pay John Calfe Esqr five pounds ten shillings the amount of his account for Recording Copying &c was brought up, read & concurred.

*A Vote to pay Jesse Johnson thirty six shillings for a Book to Record Journals &c was brought up read and concurred. *2:135

A resolve that the selectmen of Concord Alias Gunthwaite be impowered to assess any sums of money that may be due from said Town from the Year 1775 to the Year 1783 inclusively on the Lands of the proprietors of said Town in the present year's tax bill and that all extents &c be stayed till the first Day of January next was brought up read & concurred.

A resolve that the selectmen of the several Towns districts & Parishes within this State are required to make a return of all the Inhabitants within their respective districts to the secretary of this State on or before the second Wednesday of June next, was brought up read & concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the senate to Consider of the accounts of the Printers was brought up read and concurred. Mr Atkinson joined.

A Vote that Benjamin Biggelow receive out of the Treasury thirty pounds for which he is to be accountable, was brought up read and concurred.

A Resolve that the Town of Chester be allowed for two recruits Pelham two Northampton one Portsmouth one & Seabrook one twenty pounds each as *a bounty &c was brought up read & concurred; and re-considered, ordered to lay 'till next session. *2:136

A Vote that Joshua Bell receive one half of his monthly pay from the time his whole pay ceased was brought up read & concurred.

A Vote that the Town of Hampton be allowed seventy one pounds one shilling & Eight pence for Interest due on an extent & twenty pounds & Interest thereon was brought up read & concurred. re-considered and ordered to lay 'till next Session.

A Vote to pay the ballance of the account of Benjamin Biggelow amounting to fifteen pounds for supplies at the fort was brought up read & concurred.

The foregoing pages under the date of March 3d recorded twice by means of a Mistake in a printed Journal from which this was Copied.

SATURDAY, MARCH 4th 1786.

Present as Yesterday.

A Vote to pay John Prentice thirty five shillings for time expences &c selling Excise was brought up read & concurred.

An Act for raising the sum of ten thousand pounds for the use of this State the Present year was read a third time and *Voted* that the same be enacted.

An Act to establish certain Impost Duties on various foreign articles imported into this State was read a third time & *Voted* that the same be enacted.

*2:137 *A Vote that Mr Atkinson and Mr Baker with such of the Honorable House as they shall join be a Committee to nominate three proper Persons as Commissioners on the part of this State to meet such other Commissioners as may be appointed by any other of the States for regulation of Commerce was sent Down for Concurrence by Mr Baker.

A Vote to hear the Petition of Laban Gates on the third Wednesday of the next Session was brought up read & concurred.

A Resolve to establish Posts was brought up read & concurred.

A Vote to pay Reuben Libbey his Wages if not already paid was brought up read and concurred.

A Resolve that no extents be issued against the Town of Littleton, Wendell and Dalton until the Session of the next General Court was brought up read & concurred.

A Vote to grant the prayer of the Petition of Abraham Libbey so far as that the fine be remitted, was brought up read & concurred.

A Vote to pay David Brewster's account amounting to Eighteen pounds four shillings & Nine pence for Joiner's work done in the State House, was brought up read and concurred.

* 2:138 *A Vote to pay George Gains Esqr six pounds seventeen shillings for Wood &c was brought up read and concurred.

A Vote to pay John Williams Eight pounds one shilling as a Messenger to the General Court was brought up read & concurred.

A Vote to pay Daniel Fowle Esqr three pounds for printing two hundred and fifty resolves each half a sheet, was brought up read and concurred.

A Vote appointing Commissioners on the part of this State to meet such Commissioners as shall be appointed by any other of the United States for the regulation of Commerce was brought up read and concurred.

A Vote appointing Col. Joseph Whipple an Impost Officer for this State, was brought up read and concurred.

A Vote to pay Daniel Fowle twenty six pounds sixteen shillings, and Robert Gerrish Ninety pounds in full of their Accounts for printing was brought up read & concurred.

A Vote that his Excellency the President with advice of Council be desired to adjourn the General Court to the last Wednesday of May next, then to meet at Concord was brought up read & concurred.

The Deputy Secretary by his Excellency's command adjourned the General Court to the last Wednesday of may next, then to meet at Concord.

* The foregoing is a true Journal of the Votes & Pro- * 2 : 139
ceedings of the Senate at a session of the General Court.

Attest E. Thompson, Sec^ry.

JOURNAL

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONTAINING THE PROCEEDINGS FROM

FEBRUARY 1 TO MARCH 4, 1786.

* 13 : 49 *JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HON.BL HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

OF THE

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

At their Session begun and holden at Portsmouth on Wednesday the first day of February A. D. 1786 *and in the tenth year of the Independance of America.*

WEDNESDAY, February 1st 1786.

Several members met at the Court House in Portsmouth agreeably to adjournment but there not being a quorum to transact business adjourned to 10 o'clock to morrow morning.

THURSDAY, February 2nd 1786.

Several members met but there not being a quorum for transacting business agreed to adjourn to 3 o'clock P. M.

Met accordingly but there not being a quorum.
Adjourned to nine o'clock to morrow morning.

FRIDAY, February 3rd 1786.

Several members met according to adjournment but not a quorum for transacting business.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock P. M.

Met accordingly.

Voted, that Mr J. Pickering, Mr Sparhawk, Colo Waldron, Colo Toppan, & Colo Hill, with such of the Honbl Senate as they shall join be a Committee to take under consideration a Message from his Excellency (this day received) and report the business necessary first to be entered upon and done at this Session. Sent up by Colo Green.

The following Resolve came down from the Honbl Senate for concurrence

IN SENATE, FEBRUARY 2nd 1786.

Resolved, that the Treasurer attend the General Court in their present Session with such books and papers as are necessary.

Sent down for concurrence. John Langdon, President.

The foregoing resolve read and concurred.

Sent up by Colo Green

Read the public Letters received in the recess of the General Court.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to morrow morning.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4th 1786.

The House met according to adjournment.

Resolved, that when any matter shall be referred to a Committee of the General Court the Committee may make their report at the Session in which the same was referred or at any after Session during the continuance of the same General Court.

Sent up by Mr McMurphy

* 13 : 50 * Upon reading and considering the Petition of a number of the Inhabitants of Weare [1] praying that a Parish may be sett off within certain bounds invested with town privileges, *Voted*, that the petitioners be heard thereon before the General Court on the third Wednesday of the next Session thereof and that in the mean time the Petitioners cause that the Selectmen of Weare be served with a Copy of the Petition and order of Court thereon that they may then appear and shew cause if any they have why the prayer thereof may not be granted. Sent up by Mr Dow.

Voted, that Colo Bartlett, Majr Whitcomb, & Mr Jenness, with such of the Honbl Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of the petition of Martha Wait [2] and all similar matters and report thereon. Sent up by Mr Dow.

Voted, that Mr Prentice, Mr Dow, & Mr Emerson, with such of the Honbl Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of the Petition of Mary Conant and all similar matters and report thereon.

Sent up by Mr Dow.

1. xiii. Ham. Town Papers, 640. 2. xi. Ham. Town Papers, 376.

Voted, that Col° Shephard, Maj^r Gains, Mr J. Pickering, Mr Gilman, & Maj^r Kimball, with such of the Honb^l Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of the Petition of William Adams and all similar matters and report thereon. Sent up by Mr Frink.

Upon reading and considering the Petition of Jeremiah Eames Esqr and others praying for the privilege of a Ferry over Connecticut river *Voted*, that the petitioners be heard thereon before the General Court on the third Wednesday of the next Session thereof and that in the mean time the Petitioners cause that the Selectmen of Northumberland & Stratford, be served with a Copy of the Petition and order of Court thereon and that the same be seasonably posted up in some public place in said town that any person or persons may then appear and shew cause if any they have why the prayer thereof may not be granted. Sent up by Mr Frink.

* *Voted*, that Maj^r Weeks, Capt Sumner, Maj^r Whitcomb, Maj^r Pickering & Col° Gilman, with such of the Honb^l Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of the petition of Mary Lear and all similar matters and report thereon. * 13 : 51

Sent up by Mr Frink.

Voted, that Col° Leavitt, Mr J. Gilman, Col° Bartlett, Col° Shephard & Mr Jewett with such of the Honb^l Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of the petition of Capt Benjamin Sumner and all similar matters and report thereon. Sent up by Mr Jenness.

Voted, that Col° Bartlett, Genl Sullivan, & Mr Prentice, with such of the Honb^l Senate as they shall join be a Committee to consider of the Petition of Jonathan Warner Esqr & report thereon.

Sent up by Col° Welch.

Adjourned to Monday next at three of clock P. M.

MONDAY, February 6 1786.

The House met according to adjournment.

Voted, That Col. Gilman, Col. Badger, Mr [E.] Pickering Mr Duncan and Capt. Hooper, with such of the hon. Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Jonathan Chase Esq. and report thereon. Sent up by Mr McMurphy.

Voted, That Col. Payne, Gen. Sullivan, Mr [J.] Pickering, Col. Toppan and Gen. Dow, with such of the hon. Senate as they shall join, be a committe to consider of the petition of Mr Benjamin Dearborn, and report thereon. Sent up by Capt. Copeland.

Voted, That this House resolve themselves into a committee of the whole, in conjunction with the hon. Senate, if they think [see] fit, to

meet to-morrow morning, to take under consideration the state of our public affairs, and report thereon. Sent up by Capt. Copland.

Voted That Mr J. Gilman, Gen. Dow, Col. Gilman, Mr Emerson and Mr Grout, with such of the hon. Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Samuel Martin [1] and others, inhabitants of the town of Concord, alias Gunthwait, and all similar matters, and report thereon. Sent up by Maj Young.

*13 : 52 * *Voted*, That Col. Leavitt, Col. Payne and Col. Hill, with such of the hon. Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Thomas Cristy and report thereon. Sent up by Mr McMurphy.

Voted, That Mr. E. Pickering, Mr Copland, Col. Simpson, Mr. J. Dow and Mr. Prentice, with such of the hon. Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Major Joseph Kimball,[2] and report thereon. Sent up by Mr. McMurphy.

Adjourned to nine oclock tomorrow morning.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1786.

The House met according to adjournment.

Voted, That the account of John Hubbard, Esq. amounting to two pounds, be allowed and paid out of the Treasury, by order of the President. Sent up by Capt. Burnam.

Voted, That Gen. Dow, Mr Betton and Major Kimball, with such of the hon. Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the account of Lt. David Bryant, and all similar matters, and report thereon. Sent up by Capt. Burnam.

The hon. Senate and House being met in committee of the whole, agreeable to the vote of yesterday, His Excellency John Langdon, Esqr appointed Chairman, — First took under consideration the report of the committee on his Excellency's message, and the business first to be entered upon ; the first clause in said report [to be considered,] was the requisition of Congress, of the 27th of September, 1785 ; [and] after some debate on said requisition, agreed to postpone the further consideration thereof, till the afternoon : — the committee then rose with leave to sit again, and the Speaker resumed the chair.

The House then adjourned to three o'clock P. M.

Met accordingly.

Voted, that the public hearings which were to have been this day, [before the General-Court,] be postponed 'till to-morrow, of which all persons concerned, are to take notice, and govern themselves accordingly. Sent up by Capt. Burnam.

1. xii. Ham. Town Papers, 406. 2. xiii. Ham. Town Papers, 205.

* Upon reading and considering the petition of Samuel Griffin, Esq. in behalf of the selectmen of Packersfield, praying for liberty to bring in a bill for altering the time of holding the annual meeting in said town, * 13 : 53

Voted, that the prayer thereof be granted, and that the petitioner have leave to bring in a bill accordingly.

Sent up by Capt. Burnam.

The hon. Senate and House being again met in committee of the whole, His Excellency the President in the chair, again took under consideration the resolve of Congress, of the 27th of September, 1785, and voted to postpone the further consideration thereof, 'till to-morrow. — Read several public bills (reported by the committee chosen at the last session) left them for the consideration of the Legislature, in their seperate branches, — Took under consideration a remonstrance and petition of a [considerable] number of the inhabitants of this State, relative to the want of a circulating medium of trade. — Repeal of Navigation act, &c, and after some debate thereon, postponed the further consideration thereof until tomorrow morning: — the committee then adjourned 'till to-morrow morning, and the Speaker resumed the chair.

The House then adjourned to nine o'clock tomorrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1786.

The house met according to adjournment.

An act to vest the exclusive priviledge of keeping a ferry over Connecticut River in Edwards Bucknam [1] of Lancaster, in the county of Grafton, his heirs and assigns, was read a third time and passed to be enacted. Sent up by Mr. Duncan and Mr. [Capt] Burnam.

Voted, That the hearing on the petition of the Reverend Samuel M'Clintock, which was to have been this day, before the General-Court be postponed to Wednesday next, agreeable to the request of both parties; and that they take notice and govern themselves accordingly. Sent up by Col. Toppan.

The hon. Senate and House being again met in committee of the whole, according to adjournment, [His Excellency the President in the chair,] agreed to adjourn 'till to-morrow morning, on account of a number of public hearings appointed for this day.

* Agreeable to the order of the day, heard several parties on their petitions; the determination of which was postponed 'till the afternoon. * 13 : 54

Adjourned to three o'clock P. M.

1. xii. Ham. Town Papers, 353.

Met accordingly.

Proceeded to the hearings on sundry petitions, which were appointed to be heard on this day, but the determination was postponed.

Voted, That the hearings on the petitions of several persons, which were to have been this day, be postponed 'till to-morrow, of which, all persons concerned are to take notice, and govern themselves accordingly. Sent up by Col. Toppan.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1786.

The House met according to adjournment.

Voted, That Major Pickering, Col. Badger, Mr McGregore, Major Whitcomb and Gen. Dow, with such of the hon. Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of the selectmen of Hampton, and report thereon. Sent up by Col. Toppan.

Whereas, a number of the members of the General-Court are under necessity of attending the Inferior-Court of Common Pleas, in the County of Strafford, on the third Tuesday of February current, and the public business before the General-Court, requiring the attendance of all its members, Therefore,

Resolved, That the said Inferior-Court of Common Pleas, be adjourned to the second Tuesday in March next, and the Court of General Sessions of the Peace for said county, to the first Thursday next following the second Tuesday aforesaid, and all writs and processes, returnable to either of said Courts, may be returned, taken up, and proceeded on by said Courts respectively, at the time to which they stand adjourned, and all persons concerned are to take notice, and govern themselves accordingly. Sent up by Mr Emerson.

Voted, That Major Gains, Col. Waldron, Mr Duncan, Maj. Whitcomb and Col. Payne, with such of the hon. Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of David Daniels, and all similar matters, and report thereon.

Sent up by Col. Toppan.

*13:55 * *Voted*, That the hearings, on the petitions of Elisha Payne, Esq. David Clough, David Courser, and Jacob Doyne, which were to have been this day, before the General-Court, be postponed to the third Wednesday of the next Session of the General-Court, of which, all persons concerned, are to take notice, and govern themselves accordingly. Sent up by Mr. Plummer.

The hon. Senate and House being again met in committee of the whole, according to adjournment, [His Excellency the President in

the chair,] agreed to adjourn 'till to-morrow morning, on account of the public hearings appointed for this day.

Agreeable to the order of the day proceeded to the hearing of sundry petitions, but came to no determination.

Adjourned to three o'clock, P. M.

Met accordingly.

Proceeded to the hearing of several parties on their petitions, but the determination postponed 'till to-morrow.

Voted, That the hearings on the remainder of the petitions which were to have been this week before the General-Court, be postponed to Tuesday next, of which, all persons concerned, are to take notice, and govern themselves accordingly. Sent up by Mr. Plummer.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1786.

The House met according to adjournment.

An act to confirm a donation that the pious design of the donor may not be perverted, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Col. Wentworth and Capt. Marsh.

Voted, That Col. Waldron, Mr. Prentice, Mr. Plummer, Col. Payne and Gen. Dow, with such of the hon. Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of a bill presented for the repair of Newmarket Bridge, and report such alterations and amendments as they may judge necessary.

Sent up by Capt. Douglass.

* Upon reading and considering the petition of Edward Smith, *voted*, That the petitioner be heard thereon before the General-Court, on Friday next, and that some time before Tuesday next, the petitioner cause that Capt. Joseph Kelley of Nottingham West, be served with a copy of the petition and order of court thereon, [by giving the Same to him or leaving the Same at his usual place of abode,] that he may appear and show cause (if any he hath) why the prayer thereof may not be granted. Sent up by Gen. Dow. * 13 : 56

[1] *Voted*, That Mr. M'Murphy, Col. Gilman, Mr. Wallace, Capt. Copland and Col. Whipple, [with such of the Honb[1] Senate as they shall join] be a committee to consider of the petitions from New-Castle, also the petition of the selectmen of Warren (praying for abatement of taxes) [and report thereon.]

Sent up by Capt. Spaulding.

1. This paragraph and the one preceding are reversed in the manuscript.

Upon hearing and considering the petition of Samuel Bayley,[1] praying for the priviledge of a ferry, *voted*, That the prayer thereof be granted, and that he have leave to bring in a bill accordingly.

Sent up by Mr. Page.

Upon hearing and considering the petition of Gen. Benjamin Bellows[2], praying for the priviledge of a ferry, *voted*, That the prayer thereof be granted, and that he have leave to bring in a bill accordingly. Sent up by Mr. Page.

Upon hearing and considering the petition of Zebulon Marsh praying that the Justices of the Superior-Court of Judicature may be enabled to make up a certain judgement in an action heretofore given in his favour, *voted*, that the prayer thereof be granted, and that he have leave to bring in a bill accordingly.

Sent up by Mr. Page.

[3] Upon hearing and considering the petition of Major John Young;[4] praying to be restored to his law in a certain action, *voted*, That the prayer thereof be granted, and that he have leave to bring in a bill accordingly. Sent up by Mr. Page.

Upon hearing and considering the petition of Ebenezer Torry, praying to be restored to his law in a certain action,

Voted, That the prayer thereof be granted, and that he have leave to bring in a bill accordingly. Sent up by Mr. Page.

The hon. Senate and House being [again] met in committee of the whole, agreeable to adjournment, His Excellency the President, in the chair, adjourned to three o'clock, P. M. and the Speaker resumed the chair.

* 13 : 57 * Upon reading [hearing] and considering the petition of Major Joseph Kimball[5], praying for the priviledge of a ferry, *voted*, That the prayer thereof be granted, and that he have leave to bring in a bill accordingly. Sent up by Mr. Page.

Upon hearing and considering the petition of Nicholas Austin,[6] respecting some of the inhabitants of Middletown, *Voted*, That the petition be dismissed.

Upon hearing [and considering] the petition of Oliver Lawrence, and Benjamin Cummings,

Voted, That Col. Toppan, Gen. Sullivan, and Col. Payne, be a committee to consider of said petition, and report thereon. [Mss. report their Opinion on said Petition.] Sent up by Major Gains.

Upon hearing the petitions of John Pickering [Junr] and Henry Kenniston, *Voted*, That Col. Bartlett, Mr. McMurphy and Mr. Means,

2. xii. Ham. Town Papers, 386. 1. xiii. Ham. Town Papers, 608.

3. This paragraph and the one following are reversed in the manuscript.

4. xiii. Ham. Town Papers, 183. 5. xiii. Ham. Town Papers, 205. 6. xiii. Ham. Town Papers, 737.

with such of the hon. Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the [said] petition and report thereon.

Sent up by Major Gains.

Voted, That Col. Simpson, Col. Payne and Col. Shepherd, with such of the hon. Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of John Neal and James McGregore, Esq. also [and] the petition of Charles Clapham, and report thereon.

Sent up by Mr. Prentice.

Voted, That Mr. E. Pickering, Col. Payne and Col. Gilman, with such of the hon. Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Capt. Moses Woodward; also, the account of Col. Supply Clap, and report thereon. Sent up by Mr. Prentice.

Voted, That the account of Thomas Shannon, amounting to seven pounds fifteen shillings and one penny one farthing, be allowed and paid out of the Treasury by order of the President.

Sent up by Col. Badger.

Voted, That the account of Samuel Penhallow, Esq. amounting to three pounds for his attendance as a Special Justice of the Superior-Court, be allowed and paid out of the Treasury by order of the President. Sent up by Col. Badger.

Voted, That Col. Wentworth, Mr. Prentice, Major Wallace, Major Whitcomb and Col. Payne, with such of the hon. Senate as they shall join, be a committee to bring in a bill for regulating the times and places for holding the several Courts of Probate within this state.

Sent up by Col. Badger.

* Adjourned to three o'clock, P. M. * 13 : 58

Met accordingly.

The hon. Senate and House being [again] met in committee of the whole, agreeable to adjournment, His Excellency the President, in the chair, again took under consideration the propriety of repealing the Navigation Act, and came to the following vote: *Voted*, That Gen. Sullivan, Gen. Peabody, Mr J. Pickering, Col. McClary, President Langdon, Mr. Sparhawk and Col. Simpson, be a sub-committee to consider of said act and report thereon. The committee then rose, with leave to sit again, and the Speaker resumed the chair.

The House then adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY, February 11, 1786.

The House met according to adjournment.

The hon. Senate and House being again met in committee of the whole, His Excellency the President, in the chair, resumed the consideration of the propriety of repealing the Navigation Act, and

Voted, That said act be not repealed in chief. *Voted*, That Gen. Peabody, Gen. Sullivan, Gen. Dow, Col. Wentworth, Mr. Sparhawk, Mr Prentice and Col. Payne be a sub-committee to take under consideration the said Navigation Act, and report such alterations and amendments as they may judge necessary:

Proceeded to take under consideration the requisition of Congress, of the 27th of September, 1785; and after some debate thereon, agreed to postpone the further consideration thereof 'till the committee meet again. The committee then rose, with leave to sit again, and the Speaker resumed the chair.

Voted, That Col. Bartlett, Gen Sullivan, Major Means, Capt. Sumner and Col. Whipple, with such of the hon. Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of a vote passed the last session of the General-Court, for establishing a Post from Portsmouth, through certain Towns in this State, and report such alterations and amendments as they may judge necessary.

Sent up by Mr. Griffin.

Voted, That Mr. J. Gilman, Mr. Adams, and Mr. Kendall, with such of the hon. Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Jonathan Woodcock, and all similar matters, and report thereon. Sent up by Mr. Griffin.

*13:59 * *Voted*, That the account exhibited by the selectmen of Alstead, amounting to sixteen shillings and seven pence, for taxes on the estate of Simon Baxter, an absentee, be allowed by discount, out of the taxes due from said Alstead, and that the Treasurer govern himself accordingly. Sent up by Mr. Griffin.

Adjourned to Monday next three o'clock P. M.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1786.

The House met according to adjournment.

Read several bills for the first time.

Read a petition from sundry [Several] towns and *voted* that said petition and all similar matters be considered in committee of the whole.

Adjourned to nine o'clock tomorrow morning.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1786.

The House met according to adjournment.

The hon. Senate and House being again met in committee of the whole, his Excellency the President, in the chair, again took under consideration the requisition of Congress, of the 27th of September, 1785, and after some debate thereon, came to the following vote:

Voted, That Gen. Peabody, President Langdon, Gen. Sullivan, Gen. Dow, Mr J. Pickering, Col. Payne and Col. Bellows, be a sub-committee to consider of [the] said requisition, also, [to] consider of ways and means for complying with said requisition, and report a bill for that purpose. Proceeded to consider of a petition from the towns of Plainfield, Lebanon, Cornish, Hanover, Canaan and Cardigan; and after some debate thereon, postponed the further consideration thereof 'till the afternoon: The committee then rose, with leave to sit again, and the Speaker resumed the chair.

The House then adjourned to three o'clock, P. M.

Met accordingly.

The hon. Senate and House being again met in committee of the whole, His Excellency the President, in the chair, resumed the consideration of the petition of Plainfield, &c. and

Voted, To refer the further consideration thereof, to a committee of both houses, [appointed] in their separate branches: — the committee then rose, with leave to sit again, and the Speaker resumed the chair.

* Agreeable to the order of the day, heard several parties on their petitions, but came to no determination thereon. * 13 : 60

Voted, That the remainder of the petitions, which were to have been heard this day, be postponed 'till to-morrow, of which, all persons concerned, are to take [due] notice, and govern themselves accordingly. Sent up by Mr Foss.

Adjourned to nine o'clock tomorrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, February 15, 1786.

The House met according to adjournment.

An act to incorporate a certain part of Holles, with the inhabitants of Raby, was read a third time, and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Mr Pickering and Mr McMurphy.

Voted, That Mr. Sparhawk, Major Whitcomb, Col. Waldron, Mr. Means and Gen. Dow, be a committee to nominate to this House fourteen proper persons, out of whom, for seven to be appointed a committee to consider of the petition of Plainfield, Lebanon, Cornish, &c.

Upon hearing and considering the petition of the wardens of Queen's Chapel,[1] [in Portsmouth,]

Voted, That the prayer thereof be granted, and that they have leave to bring in a bill accordingly. Sent up by Col. Green.

Voted, That the hearing, on the petition of George Clark, which was

1. xii. Ham. Town Papers, 297.

to have been this session, be postponed to the third Wednesday of the next session of the General Court, and that in the mean time, the petitioner cause that the selectmen of the east parish of Londonderry, be served with a copy of the petition and order of court thereon, that they may then appear and shew cause (if any they have) why the prayer thereof may not be granted. Sent up by Col. Green.

Upon hearing and considering the petition of William Fowler, praying to be restored to his law in a certain action of trespass, in which George Jaffrey, Esq. recovered of the petitioner three shillings and nine pence damage, and upwards of ninety pounds cost, *13:61 which was recovered on a review at the Superior * Court of Judicature, in March 1774, motion was made that the prayer of the petition be granted, and the yeas and nays being required were as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Col. White,	Mr. Grout,	Mr. Libbey,
Mr. Jenness,	Mr. Willard,	Mr. Taylor,
Col. Bartlett,	Mr. Frink,	Col. Putnam,
Mr. Glidden,	Mr. Griffin,	Mr. Cragin,
Mr. Page,	Maj. Kimball,	Mr. J. Dow,
Mr. Dustin,	Mr. [Genl] Dow,	Mr. Harvey,
Mr. Knowles,	Mr. Sanborn,	Col. Shepherd,
Capt. Harper,	Capt. Eastman,	Capt. Hooper,
Mr. [Doct^r] Brackett,	Mr. Barnard,	Capt. Copland,
Mr. Marsh,	Maj. Batcheldor,	Mr. Kendall,
Mr. Adams,	Col. Welch,	Mr. Hoyt,
Capt Spaulding,	Col. Waldron,	Mr. Young,
Mr. M. Wallace,	Mr. Foss,	
Mr. Jackman,	Col. Badger,	

Nays.	Nays.	Nays.
Col. Toppan,	Mr. Smith,	Col. McMillan,
Mr. Shaw,	Maj. Whitcomb,	Capt. French,
Mr. Plummer,	Capt. Sumner,	Mr. Emerson,
Col. Hill,	Mr. Freeman,	Mr. R. Wallace,
Mr. Bartlett,	Col. Whipple,	Mr. Bryant,
Mr. Betton,	Maj. Gains,	Mr. Hall,
Col. Gilman,	Mr. Sparhawk,	Mr. Jewett,
Col. Tash,	Mr. Prentice,	Col. Payne,
Mr. McGregore,	Mr. E. Pickering,	Col. Simpson,
Capt. Douglass,	Maj. Weeks,	
Mr. Darling,	Mr. Butler.	

Yeas 40, — Nays 31.

So the prayer of said [the] petition was granted, and the petitioner hath leave to bring in a bill accordingly. Sent up by Col. Green.

Upon hearing and considering the petition of Oliver Wright, *Voted*, That the prayer thereof be granted, and that he have leave to bring in a bill [Resolve] accordingly. Sent up by Col. Green.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock P. M.

Met accordingly.

Agreeable to the order of the day, heard several parties on their petitions, but the determination was postponed 'till tomorrow morning.

Voted, That the remainder of the hearings which were to have been this day before the General-Court, be postponed to Tuesday next, of which, all concerned, are to take notice, and govern themselves accordingly. Sent up by Col. Green.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to morrow morning.

*THURSDAY, February 16, 1786. *13:62

The House met according to adjournment.

Voted, That Gen. Sullivan, Gen. Dow, Col. Shepherd, Col. Toppan, Major Wallace, Mr. J. Gilman and Mr. J. Dow, with such of the hon. Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Plainfield, Lebanon, &c. and report thereon.

Sent up by Mr. McMurphy.

Voted, That the account exhibited by the selectmen of Marlborough, amounting to fifteen shillings and ten pence [three farthings] for taxes on lands of Elijah Williams, Esq. an absentee, be allowed by discount out of the taxes due from said Marlborough, and that the Treasurer govern himself accordingly. Sent up by Mr. McMurphy.

Upon hearing and considering the petition of Barnabas Barker, *Voted*, That the prayer thereof be granted, and that he have leave to bring in a bill accordingly. Sent up by Mr. McMurphy.

The committee appointed by the General-Court, on the 17th of June last, for carrying into effect the report of a committee appointed for considering the report of the committee on the settlement of the Treasurer's accounts, respecting burning certificates &c. Reported, That they have received from the Hon. Josiah Bartlett, Esq. one of the committee for settling the Treasurer's accounts, certificates and notes as follows, viz.

In certificates, dated July 31st 1782, for nine thousand, nine hundred and sixteen pounds sixteen shillings and eleven pence: In certificates dated July 31st 1783, five thousand, six hundred and eighty-seven pounds seventeen shillings and ten pence: In certificates dated July 31st 1784, three thousand, two hundred and sixty-nine pounds fourteen shillings.

The above certificates were issued for interest and orders.

In certificates dated July 31st 1784, twelve thousand nine hundred and ninety-six pounds ten shillings and ten pence, issued for payment of fifteen per cent on State Securities.

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Consolidated Notes, for six thousand one hundred and seven pounds five shillings and eight pence.

In Depreciation Notes, three thousand four hundred and fifty-six pounds eleven shillings.

[In] Bounty Notes, four thousand nine hundred and sixty pounds.

Notes for money borrowed, and horses purchased, reported by the committee, nineteen thousand one hundred and thirty-six pounds nine shillings.

We have likewise received from the committee, Notes as follows, not reported by them. No. 134, one Note of [for] seven hundred pounds; one ditto No 125 for three thousand three hundred pounds; both these Notes were given for horses purchased; three Bounty Notes of [at] five pounds each; Two Notes for money borrowed, viz. one for sixteen pounds, the other for six pounds nine shillings, amounting to twenty-two pounds nine shillings: likewise sundry Notes, on which not more than forty shillings were due, redeemed by Certificates agreeable to an act of the State amounting to fifty-four pounds six shillings and nine pence — All which Notes and Certificates we have caused to be burnt in our presence.

We have delivered in the Treasurer's [Treasury] office sixteen thousand one hundred dollars, old Continental Currency, and eighteen thousand three hundred and fifty-three dollars of the New Emission, for which we have taken a receipt.

We have delivered to Nathaniel Gilman, Esq. Loan-Officer, five thousand five hundred and eighty-two pounds six shillings and eight pence in Certificates, issued [by him] for payment of Interest on Loan-Office certificates (which have been redeemed by the Treasurer) and for which we have taken his receipt: — These receipts, together with all the vouchers and documents, respecting the Treasurer's accounts that have been delivered to us by the committee, we have delivered to Josiah Gilman, Esq. Comptroller of accounts and one of your committee.

Exeter, July 1st 1785. Signed Joseph Gilman,
Thomas Bartlett,
Josiah Gilman, jun.

Which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted. Sent up by Mr. Jenness.

* *Voted*, That Mr. Sparhawk, Mr. J. Gilman and Major * 13 : 64
Gains, with such of the hon. Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Col. Azariah Webb,[1] and report thereon. Sent up by Mr. Jenness.

Voted, That Col. Hill, Mr. Adams and Col. Bartlett, with such of the hon. Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Major John Young,[2] and report thereon.

Sent up by Mr. Jenness.

Voted, That Mr. Betton, Mr. Darling and Mr. Frink, with such of the hon. Senate as they shall join be a committee to consider of the [petition of the] selectmen of Newport, and report thereon.

Sent up by Mr. Jenness.

The committee to consider of the petition of David Daniels, &c. reported, That the sale of the estate of the said David Daniels, mentioned in his petition, be suspended until the first day of June next, he paying to the Sheriff of Strafford, in whose hands the extent against him now is, the full one half of the amount thereof, on or before the first day of March next, and the residue on or before the said first day of June signed John Wentworth, for the committee; which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted. Sent up by Mr. Jenness.

Voted, That Mr. J. Pickering, Mr. Sparhawk, and Col. Simpson with such of the hon. Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Joanna Chapman, and report thereon.

Sent up by Mr. Jenness.

The committee on the petition of John Pickering, jun. and Henry Kenniston, reported, That they find the facts set forth in the petitions of [the] said Pickering and Kenniston, well established, that the sales of the lands therein mentioned were unfair and illegal, and that the said sales ought to be vacated, That the petitioners ought to be restored to their respective possessions, and that they have leave to bring in a bill [or bills for that purpose] accordingly, signed John Wentworth, for the committee, which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Mr. Jenness.

* *Voted*, That Major Young, Gen. Dow, and Mr. McGre- * 13 : 65
gore, with such of the hon. Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Hugh Tallant, and report thereon. Sent up by Mr. Jenness.

Upon reading and considering the petition of Susanna Dodge,

Voted, That the petitioner be heard thereon before the General-Court on the third Wednesday of the next session, and that in the

1. xiii. Ham. Town Papers, 194. 2. xiii. Ham. Town Papers, 183.

mean time, the petitioner cause that James Taggart and the owner of the land (mentioned in said petition) be served with a copy of the petition and order of Court thereon, that they, or either of them may then appear and shew cause (if any they have) why the prayer thereof may not be granted. Sent up by Mr. Jenness.

Adjourned to three o'clock P. M.

Met accordingly.

Debated on public bills.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to morrow morning.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1786.

The House met according to adjournment.

An Act for laying a fine on delinquent Sheriffs and Town Clerks, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Col. Waldron and Major Kimball.

Upon a second reading of a bill entitled, "An act to encourage the erecting of mills for slitting, rolling, and plating iron; Furnaces for casting iron; Furnaces for making steel and glass, and to encourage and promote the manufacturing of nails within this State."

[On] motion [was] made for an amendment in the last clause in [of] said bill which is,

'And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for all and every person or persons (native or foreign) to ship, 'lade, enter, transport or export out of this State into any part of the world in amity with the United States, glass, wrought steel and every kind of wrought iron, and cast iron free from any custom or imposition whatever," which amendment proposed, was in the following words (to follow the word foreigner) except vessels owned by the subjects of Great Britain, which exception shall continue no longer than till a treaty of commerce shall take place between the United States and Great Britain: — The yeas and nays being called on the proposed amendment, were as follows:

* 13 : 66

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Mr. J. Pickering,	Maj. Whitcomb,	Mr. Adams,
Mr. Sparhawk,	Mr. Jewett,	Capt. Spaulding,
Mr. E. Pickering,	Mr. Griffin,	Mr. M. Wallace,
Capt. Eastman,	Mr. Kendall,	Mr. Smith,
Col. Hill,	Gen. Dow,	Mr. Grout,
Col. Welch,	Maj. Gains,	Mr. Gilmore,

Yeas.

Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Means,
Col. Putnam,
Mr. Cragin,
Mr. Duncan,
Mr. Jackman,

Yeas.

Mr. McMurphy,
Maj. Weeks,
Capt. Morril,
Mr. Glidden,
Capt. Marsh,
Mr. McGregore.

Yeas.

Capt. Copland,
Mr. Parkman,
Col. Payne,
Col. Whipple,

Nays.

Mr. Prentice,
Col. White,
Col. Leavitt,
Col. Wiggin,
Mr. Plummer,
Mr. Barnard,
Col. Green,
Mr. Page,
Mr. Betton,
Col. Waldron,
Mr. Knowles,
Capt. Harper,
Dr. Brackett,
Mr. Libbey,

Nays.

Col. McMillan,
Capt. Douglass,
Mr. Darling,
Mr. Harvey,
Mr. Gaskill,
Mr. N. Young,
Col. Simpson,
Gen. Sullivan,
Mr. Jenness,
Col. Toppan,
Mr. Shaw,
Col. Bartlett,
Maj. Batcheldor,
Mr. Bartlett,

Nays.

Mr. Dustin,
Mr. Butler,
Col. Wentworth,
Mr. Foss,
Col. Badger,
Col. Gilman,
Col. Tash,
Capt. French,
Mr. J. Dow,
Mr. Bryant,
Mr. Hall,
Capt. Sumner,
Mr. Hoyt,
Maj. Young.

Yeas 34, — Nays 42.

So it passed in the negative.

[On] Motion [was then] made to accept the said last clause in said bill as it stands: — The yeas and nays being required were as follows, (viz.)

Yeas.

Gen. Sullivan,
Col. White,
Mr. Leavitt,
Mr. Sanborn,
Mr. Shaw,
Mr. T. Bartlett,
Mr. Glidden,
Mr. Green,
Mr. Page,
Mr. Betton,
Mr. Waldron,
Mr. Knowles,
Mr. Badger,
Mr. Gilman,
Mr. Tash,
Mr. Douglass,

Yeas.

Mr. Darling,
Mr. Harvey,
Mr. Gilmore,
Mr. Sumner,
Mr. Kimball,
Mr. Hoyt,
Mr. N. Young,
Mr. Works,
Mr. Gaskill,
Mr. Prentice,
Mr. Plummer,
Mr. Dustin,
Mr. Harper,
Mr. J. Dow,
Mr. Jenness,
Mr. Barnard.

Yeas.

Mr. Butler,
Mr. Brackett,
Mr. Bryant,
Mr. Toppan,
Mr. Batcheldor,
Mr. Wentworth,
Mr. Libbey,
Mr. Hall,
Mr. Wiggin,
Mr. R. Bartlett,
Mr. Foss,
Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Simpson,
Mr. J. Young,

Nays.	Nays.	Nays.
Maj. Gains,	Mr. Taylor,	Mr. Copland,
Mr. N. Batcheldor,	Mr. Putnam,	Mr. Payne,
Mr. Morrill,	Mr. Duncan,	Mr. E. Pickering,
Mr. French,	Mr. Shepherd,	Mr. Eastman.
Mr. Adams,	Mr. Holmes,	Mr. Marsh,
Mr. M. Wallace,	Mr. Kendall,	Mr. Means,
Mr. Grout,	Mr. J. Pickering,	Mr. Cragin,
Mr. Frink,	Maj. Works,	Mr. Jackman,
Mr. Parkman,	Mr. Welch,	Mr. Jewett,
Mr. Whipple,	Mr. McGregore,	Mr. Griffin,
Mr. Sparhawk,	Mr. Spaulding,	Mr. Dow,
Mr. McMurphy,	Mr. Smith,	
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Whitcomb.	

Yeas 46, — Nays 37.

So it was accepted as it stood.

*13:67 * Whereas, an act passed at the session of this Court held in June last, entitled, "An act for the regulation of Navigation and Commerce" was passed upon a supposition that the other States in the union would adopt the same, which not being as yet done, Therefore,

Voted, That the operation of the said act be and hereby is suspended until all the other New England States and the State of New York shall adopt similar acts, and that a bill be brought in accordingly. Sent up by Mr. McMurphy.

An act to alter the time of holding the annual meetings in the town of Packersfield, was read a third time and passed to be enacted. Sent up by Col. Waldron and Mr. [Maj^r] Kimball.

The committee on the petition of Daniel Gookin,[1] reported that depreciation be made up to him for his wages from 6th of May 1777, to March 19th, 1779, on the difference of wages of Sergeant and Ensign, if it has not been already done, signed, M. Thornton for the committee, which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted, and that the committee on depreciation govern themselves accordingly. Sent up by Mr. McMurphy.

The committee on the petition of Col. Azariah Webb,[2] reported that the town of Piermont be allowed the sum of five thousand three hundred and ninety-three pounds, ten shillings, old continental money [currency,] towards their outstanding taxes as it appears that said sum was paid to Major Jonathan Child, by said Webb, Constable of said town, Anno [Domini,] 1780, and that said Child has credited the same sum in his account settled, although his receipt for the same is lost (provided it shall appear by the Treasurer's Books that said sum

1. xiii. Ham. Town Papers, 87. 2. Idem. 194.

has not been heretofore [before] allowed) and that his Excellency the President, give order accordingly. Signed, George Atkinson for the committee; which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted. Sent up by Gen. Dow.

Voted, That Major Whitcomb, Col. Bartlett, and Col. Hill, with such of the hon. Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of David Currier, and report thereon.

Sent up by Gen. Dow.

Voted, That Col. Joshua Wentworth deduct the seventh part out of the rum tax of [for] 1781, for [from] the towns of Lempster and Croyden, and the fourth part out of the town of Marlow, * as the Treasurer was ordered out of their other * 13 : 68 taxes for the same year, as may [more] fully appear from the Journals of the General-Court of October 1783, and April 1784.

Sent up by Capt. Copland.

Upon reading and considering the petition of Jacob Copland, in behalf of the town of Stoddard, praying that an order might [may] issue directing the Treasurer to cancel the beef tax against said town for the year 1780, as the whole of said beef was paid, and they took a receipt therefor, which receipt is lost, though the credit in the receiver's book is full in favor of said town, *Voted*, That the prayer there of be granted, and that the President issue an order accordingly.

Sent up by Capt. Copland.

The committee on the petition of Hugh Tallant, praying to be restored to his law in a certain action, reported that the said Tallant have leave to bring in a bill for staying the execution against him and for restoring him to his law as prayed for in his petition, signed John Wentworth for the committee, which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Capt. Copland.

Adjourned, to three o'clock P. M.

Met accordingly.

An act to impower the Superior-Court of Judicature to render complete and perfect judgement for damages and costs, in an action brought at said Court by Zebulon Marsh against Edward Hilton, and to award execution thereon, was read a third time and passed to be enacted. Sent up by Major Young and Capt. Marsh.

An Act to encourage the Erecting of Mills for Slitting, rolling and plating Iron — Furnaces for making Steel and Glass, & to encourage & promote the Manufacturing of Nails within this State, was read a third time and passed to be Enacted.

Sent up by Maj^r Young & Capt Marsh.

Agreeable to the order of the day, heard the petition of Edward

Smith, but the determination thereof was postponed 'till to-morrow morning.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to morrow morning.

*13:69 *SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1786.

The House met according to adjournment.

Voted, That Gen. Dow, Col. Bartlett and Mr. McGregore, with such of the hon. Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Jeremiah Eames, Esq. and report thereon.

Sent up by Mr. Whipple.

The committee on the petition of Plainfield, Lebanon and other towns on Connecticut River, reported the following resolve: Whereas, it is represented that sundry towns on the east side of Connecticut River, within that territory (commonly called the New Hampshire Grants) furnished supplies of men, provisions and other articles to the Continental Army, and in the necessary defence of the frontiers, which for want of seasonable and regular returns, and for want of opportunity on their part to avail themselves of such other evidence (as the nature of their different circumstances admit no allowance for said articles or adjustments of their claims has yet taken place) and that many of those towns have been doomed to pay taxes far exceeding the sums which their inventories would warrant if they had been seasonably returned and lodged, which owing to a variety of causes, was not done: And whereas, extents are now out against a number of those towns, and others are about to issue against many of the remaining towns without any adjustment of their demands for allowance or determination upon their claims of exemption from any part of said tax:

And whereas, a fair and equitable adjustment of their respective demands and decision upon their various claims will tend to perpetuate that harmony and confidence among the good subjects of this State, which now so happily subsists between them, and is so essential to give energy to a republican government:

And as the various claims are too complicated to receive an equitable decision, or have a fair and candid examination, [determination] upon all of them during the session of this Court,

Therefore, *Resolved*, That the Hon. John Sullivan, John Calf and Moses Dow, Esq's, be and hereby are appointed Commis-
*13:70 sioners during the session of this Court, and in the *recess thereof, to hear and consider the claims of the several Towns aforesaid, and report to the General-Court, at this session, or at the next session thereof, on the first Wednesday of June next, and

that they give seasonable notice in one of the New-Hampshire Papers, of the times and places for hearing and determining the several [and] respective claims of said Towns, which cannot be adjusted during this session; and that no further Extents be issued against said Towns until further order of the General-Court, and that the execution of those already issued, be suspended until the third Wednesday of June next. Also,

Resolved, That Josiah Gilman, Esq. be and hereby is appointed Agent for the State, whose business it shall be to appear in behalf of the same, at the several times and places which may be notified as aforesaid, for the examination of the said claims to offer any objections, in behalf of the State, against the allowance of any demands which he may think unjust or unreasonable.

Sent up by Major Young.

The Hon. Senate and House being again met in committee of the whole, his Excellency the President, in the chair, took under consideration the report of the sub-committee, on the requisition of Congress of the 27th of September, and after some debate thereon, agreed to refer the consideration thereof to the legislature in their separate branches; after which his Excellency the President, with advice of Council, requested the opinion of the two branches of the legislature, whether the seat of the chief Justice is become vacant by his accepting a Commission under the authority of this State, as a Delegate to the Congress of the United States.

After referring the consideration [thereof] to the legislature in their separate branches — The committe [then] rose, with leave to sit again, and the Speaker resumed the chair.

Upon a hearing on the petition of Edward Smith, motion was made that the petition be dismissed :—

The yeas and nays being required were as follows, (viz.)

* 13 : 71

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Gen. Sullivan,	Mr. R. Wallace,	Mr. McMillan,
Maj. Gains,	Mr. Frink,	Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Sparhawk,	Mr. Griffin,	Mr. Adams,
Col. Toppan,	Mr. Shaw,	Mr. Grout,
Col. Welch,	Mr. Plummer,	Capt. Copland,
Mr. Butler,	Mr. Barnard,	Col. Payne,
Mr. Gilman,	Mr. N. Batcheldor,	Maj. [Mr J.] Young,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Dustin,	
Mr. McGregore,	Capt. Harper,	

Nays.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. McMurphy,	Col. Shepherd,	Mr. Douglass,
Mr. Sanborn,	Mr. Gaskill,	Mr. Cragin,
Mr. Batcheldor,	Mr. N. Young,	Mr. Duncan,

Nays.

Mr. Hill,
Mr. Betton,
Maj. Wentworth,
Col. Badger,
Mr. Libbey,
Mr. Putnam,
Mr. M. Wallace,
Mr. J. Dow,
Mr. Smith,

Nays.

Mr. Holmes,
Mr. Hoyt,
Mr. Jenness,
Col. Wiggin,
Capt. Morrill,
Mr. Glidden,
Col. Waldron,
Mr. Foss,
Mr. Brackett,

Nays.

Mr. Darling,
Mr. Harvey,
Maj. Whitcomb,
Mr. Gilmore,
Mr. Powers,
Mr. Kendall,
Maj. Kimball,

Yeas 25 — Nays 34 — So it passed in the negative. [So the Motion did not prevail.]

Motion was then made that the prayer of said petition be granted, and the yeas and nays being required, were as follows, (viz.)

Yeas.

Mr. McMurphy,
Mr. Sanborn,
Mr. Batcheldor,
Col. Hill,
Mr. Betton,
Mr. Wentworth,
Col. Badger,
Mr. Libbey,
Mr. Putnam,
Mr. M. Wallace,
Mr. J. Dow,

Yeas.

Mr. Smith,
Col. Shepherd,
Mr. Gilmore,
Mr. Powers,
Mr. Kendall,
Mr. Hoyt,
Mr. Jenness,
Mr. Wiggin,
Capt. Morril,
Mr. Glidden,
Col. Waldron,

Yeas.

Mr. Foss,
Mr. Brackett,
Capt. Douglass,
Mr. Cragin,
Mr. Duncan,
Mr. Darling,
Mr. Harvey,
Mr. Gaskill,
Mr. N. Young,
Mr. Holmes,
Mr. Kimball.

Nays.

Maj. Gains,
Mr. Sparhawk,
Mr. Plummer,
Mr. Batcheldor,
Mr. Dustin,
Col. Gilman,
Mr. Marsh,
Mr. McGregore,

Nays.

Mr. R. Wallace,
Mr. Frink,
Mr. Griffin,
Mr. Young,
Gen. Sullivan,
Mr. Shaw,
Mr. Barnard,
Mr. Butler,

Nays.

Col. McMillan,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Adams,
Mr. Grout,
Capt. Copland,
Mr. Payne,

Yeas 33 — Nays 22 — So the prayer thereof was granted, and the petitioner hath leave to bring in a bill accordingly.

Sent up by Major Young.

Adjourned to Monday next at three o'clock, P. M.

MONDAY, February 20, 1786.

The House met according to adjournment.

* 13 : 72 * *Voted*, That Thursday the sixth day of April next, be observed and kept as a Day of Public Fasting throughout

this State, and that his Excellency the President, with advice of Council, issue a Proclamation for that purpose.

Sent up by Mr. J. Dow.

The committee on the petition of Benjamin Sumner, and all similar matters, to whom was referred the petition of Jonathan Blake,[1] [Esqr] in behalf of the town of Landaff, reported, that they find one Edward Marden was hired, and did actually serve as a soldier in Whitcomb's corps, during the war, for and in behalf of the said town of Landaff; and the said Marden not belonging to the quota of any other town, the committee are of opinion, that said town have credit for said Marden, the sum of sixty pounds, and the interest thereof, as charged in an extent lately issued against said town for the deficiency of one soldier, the said town paying the Sheriffs fees, and that the Treasurer take order accordingly; signed Nathaniel Peabody, for the committee, which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted. Sent up by Mr. J. Dow.

An act to confirm the title of a certain tract of land in Rindge, to Barnabas Barker, his Heirs and Assigns, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Mr. Sparhawk and Mr. Pickering.

Voted, That Col. Payne, Mr. Duncan and Col. Wiggin, with such of the hon. Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of John Wendall, Esq. and report thereon.

Sent up by Mr. Foss.

Upon reading and considering the petition of Joshua Foss, Esquire, *Voted*, That the prayer thereof be granted, and that he have leave to bring in a bill accordingly. Sent up by Mr. Foss.

Adjourned to nine o'clock tomorrow morning.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1786.

The House met according to adjournment.

Voted, That Mr. [J.] Gilman, Mr. R. Wallace and Gen. Dow, with such of the hon. Senate as they shall join, be a committee
* to consider of the petition of Plainfield, Lebanon, Cor- * 13:73
nish, Hanover, Canaan, and Cardigan: also the petition of Bath and report thereon. Sent up by Mr. Sparhawk.

Voted, That Major Gains, Gen. Sullivan, Mr. Taylor, Major Whitcomb, Col. Payne, [Mr. Pickering] and Gen. Dow, with such of the hon. Senate, as they shall join, be a committee to consider what sum is necessary to be raised for the expenditures of the current year; also, in what manner it shall be paid, and report a supply bill for that purpose. Sent up by Mr. Sparhawk.

1. xii. Ham. Town Papers, 364.

Voted, That Col. White, Col. Waldron, Major Means, Mr. Jewett and Col. Payne, with such of the hon. Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Doctor Jonathan Gove and report thereon. Sent up by Mr. Parkman.

Voted, That three hundred copies of the act for laying a fine on delinquent Sheriffs and Town Clerks, be printed in hand-bills and dispersed as soon as may be; one to each town and parish, and one to each member of the legislature, and that the Secretary be desired to see the same accomplished. Sent up by Mr. Parkman.

The committee on the petition of Major Joseph Kimball, in behalf of the town of Plainfield, reported, that the Treasurer receive the paper bills mentioned in said petition, and account for them at the value of the amount in the year 1779, Signed Joshua Wentworth for the committee; which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted, and that the Treasurer govern himself accordingly. Sent up by Mr. Parkman.

The committee on the petition of the town of Newport, reported, That the Treasurer be ordered to credit said town for fifty [four] pounds, agreeable to an order signed by the President, in favour of Newport, with the interest thereon, [on said Order] for three years and six [seven] months, amounting to eleven pounds eleven shillings and eight pence, signed Otis Baker for the committee, which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted. Sent up by Mr. Parkman.

Voted, That Mr. McMurphy, Mr. Foss, Mr. Harvey, Mr. Kendall and Col. Simpson, with such of the hon. Senate as they
*13:74 shall *join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Hugh M'Kean and Alexander Brown, also the petition of John Mills, [and others, and all Similar matters] and report thereon. Sent up by Mr. Parkman.

Voted, That Mr. Betton, Major Weeks, Major Whitcomb, Mr. Adams, and Mr. M. Wallace, with such of the hon. Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Gen. James Reed, and report thereon. Sent up by Mr. Parkman.

The Committee on the petition of Benjamin Sumner, and all similar matters, to whom was referred the petition of the Selectmen of the town of Wendall[1] (formerly called Saville) reported, that they find William Lang, a Continental Soldier for the war, who appears to have been an inhabitant of said town, and does not appear to have been claimed by any other town; your committee are therefore of opinion that said town of Wendall be credited the sum of sixty pounds for said Lang, together with the interest charged in the extent for

1. xiii. Ham Town Papers, 500.

one man, they satisfying the Sheriff for his fees, and that the Treasurer take order accordingly: Your committee beg leave further to report that the selectmen of said Wendall, claim one William Sisco, who was hired by the town of Croydon, into the service, and returned during the war.

That by the rules established by the General-Court for determining double returns of soldiers, the town of Wendall cannot be credited for said William Sisco, unless the town of Croydon relinquish their claim to him: signed Joseph Gilman, for the committee, which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Mr. Parkman.

Adjourned to three o'clock, P. M.

Met accordingly.

An act in addition to an act entitled, "An act to establish an equitable method of making Rates and Taxes, and determining who shall be legal Voters in Town and Parish affairs, and also for repealing certain acts herein after mentioned" and to explain certain clauses thereof; was read a third time and passed to be enacted.[1]

Sent up by Mr. Sparhawk and Col. Simpson.

* The committee on the petition of Benjamin Sumner, * 13 : 75 and similar matters, to whom was referred the petition of the Selectmen of Orford,[2] reported That the Town of Orford be credited for Jonathan Pratt, Thomas Hazeltine, Ezra Gates and Michael Salter (Continental Soldiers, not claimed by any other Town) sixty pounds each, together with the interest, for four Soldiers charged in an Extent issued against said Town, they satisfying the Sheriff for his fees, and that the Treasurer take order accordingly; signed Joseph Gilman for the committee, which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted, [and that the Treasurer govern himself accordingly.] Sent up by Captain Spaulding.

Whereas, Oliver Wright, of Packersfield, in the county of Cheshire, and state aforesaid, hath petitioned the General-Court, representing that he recovered judgement, sued out execution and levied the same on certain lands belonging to Breed Batcheldor, late of Packersfield, aforesaid, Esq. at the time of his absconding and going to the enemy; but the same land was before confiscated, which the said Wright did not then know, and has been since sold by the agent appointed by the [this] State for the use thereof, by which means he can receive [recover] no benefit by his levy: Wherefore, he prayed [for] leave to exhibit his said execution to the Commissioners appointed to receive the claims against said Batcheldor's estate, and

1 In the MS. this vote is entered before the adjournment. 2. xiii. Ham. Town Papers, 134.

that they might be enabled to consider and allow the same; which request appearing reasonable: Therefore it is hereby

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened, That said Commissioners are hereby impowered to receive, consider and allow said claim, with interest, in case they find the same just, notwithstanding the said execution is returned satisfied in manner aforesaid. Sent up by Captain Spaulding.

An act to encourage the importation of coined gold and silver into this state, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Major Young and Mr. Smith.

An act to encourage [the] Artificers and Manufacturers of [and in] Wool, Iron, Steel, Brass and other metals: Silk and Hair, to come and reside in this State, and to pursue those branches of business which will promote the interest thereof, was read a third time and passed to be enacted. Sent up by Young and Mr. Smith.

*13:76 *An act to encourage the creating [erecting] and continuing Mills for making Oyl, Iron-Works, Slitting-Mills, Mills for Rolling Iron, Plating-Forges, Steel Furnaces, manufacturing Houses, Furnaces for Casting Iron, Furnaces for Refining Iron, Fulling Mills, Press Houses, Paper-Mills and Powder Mills, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Major Young and Mr. Smith.

An act to encourage the raising of Sheep, Flax and Hemp, and to encourage the manufacturing of Woolen and Linen Cloth, and making Sail-Cloth, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Mr. E. Pickering and Mr. McMurphy.

An act for advancing the settlement of this State, and for repealing an act passed the fourth year of the reign of George the First, entitled, "An act directing the admission of Town Inhabitants, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Mr. E. Pickering and Mr. McMurphy.

Voted, That Col. Toppan, Col. Badger, Mr. Means, Mr. Hall and Gen. Dow, with such of the hon. Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of John Pierce, in behalf of John Fisher, Esq. and report thereon. Sent up by Mr. Prentice.

Upon reading and considering the petition of the selectmen of Hillsborough, and other inhabitants of said town, praying to be restored to their law in a certain cause, *Voted*, That the petitioners be heard thereon before the General-Court, on the third Wednesday of the next session thereof, and that in the mean time the petitioners cause that John McClintock, named in the petition, be served with a copy of the petition and order of Court thereon, that he may then appear and shew cause (if any he hath) why the prayer thereof may not be granted. Sent up by Mr. Prentice.

The Committee on the petition of Thomas Cristy, reported, that the said Cristy have and receive out of the Treasury of this State, the sum of two hundred and twelve pounds seventeen shillings and six pence, and that his Excellency the President, give order accordingly; signed George Atkinson for the committee; which report being read and considered, *Voted,* That it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Mr. Prentice.

* The committee on the petition of Jonathan Woodcock, * 13 : 77 reported, that he be allowed depreciation of [on] wages, and [that] the committee appointed for that purpose govern themselves accordingly; signed Joshua Wentworth, for the committee; which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted. Sent up by Mr. Prentice.

Voted, That the account of the selectmen of Londonderry, amounting to twenty-two pounds, four shillings and eleven pence, be allowed and paid out of the Treasury by order of the President.

Sent up by Mr. Prentice.

Voted, That the account of Betty Hickey amounting to thirteen pounds eleven shillings, be allowed and paid out of the Treasury by order of the President. Sent up by Mr. Prentice.

Voted, That Mr. Adams, Mr. McGregore and Mr. Prentice, with such of the hon. Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Henry Fields, and all similar matters, and report thereon. Sent up by Mr. Prentice.

Upon reading and considering the petition of Allen Willard,[1] praying for the priviledge of a ferry over Connecticut-River, *Voted,* That the petitioner be heard thereon before the General-Court, on the third Thursday of the next session thereof, and that in the mean time the petitioner cause that the Selectmen of Hinsdale, be served with a copy of the petition and order of court thereon, that they may then appear and shew cause (if any they have) why the prayer thereof may not be granted. Sent up by Mr Prentice.

Upon reading and considering the petition of James Hubbard,[2] praying for the priviledge of a ferry [over Connecticut-River], *Voted*, That the petitioner be heard thereon before the General-Court, on the third Thursday of the next session thereof, and that in the mean time the petitioner cause that the Selectmen of Hinsdale be served with a copy of the petition and order of court thereon, that they may then appear and shew cause (if any they have) why the prayer thereof may not be granted. Sent up by Mr. Prentice.

On motion made to re-consider the vote of the 4th instant, ap-

1. xii. Ham. Town Papers, 218–20. 2. Idem, 221 (see also p. 218).

pointing a day of hearing on the petition of Jeremiah
* 13 : 78 * Eames, Esq. and others, praying that the priviledge of a ferry over Connecticut River, might be granted to Thomas Burnside.

Voted, That said vote be re-considered, that the prayer of said petition be granted, and [that] the petitioner have leave to bring in a bill accordingly. Sent up by Mr. Prentice.

Upon reading and considering the petition of Sylvanus Reed,[1] *Voted*, That the prayer thereof be granted, and that the committee on depreciation govern themselves accordingly.

Sent up by Mr. Prentice.

Voted, That the hearings on the petitions which were to have been this day, be postponed 'till to-morrow morning.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1786.

The House met according to adjournment.

Read several Public Bills, and debated thereon.

Adjourned to three o'clock P. M.

Met accordingly.

Upon reading and considering the petition of Calvin Frink, Esq. *Voted*, That the petitioner be heard thereon before the General-Court, on the third Wednesday of the next session thereof, and that in the mean time the Petitioner cause that Daniel Newcomb, Esq. Attorney to Aaron Whitney, be served with a copy of the petition and order of court thereon, that he may then appear and shew cause (if any he hath) why the prayer thereof may not be granted.

Sent up by Captain Spaulding.

An act to encourage the making of Tar and Pitch, and procuring Turpentine, within this State, was read a third time and passed to be enacted. Sent up by Major Weeks and Mr. Pickering.

An act to encourage the raising Wheat, Corn and Grain, within this State, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Mr. Plummer and Capt. Marsh.

An act to encourage the importation of Drugs and Wood, used in dying Cloths, Artificers Tools, Spanish-Wool, Raw Silk, and other Raw Materials, was read the [a] third time and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Mr. Plummer and Capt. Marsh.

* 13 : 79 * An act in addition to an act, directing the admission of Town Inhabitants, was read a third time and passed to be enacted. Sent up by Major Weeks and Mr. Pickering.

1. xi. Ham. Town Papers, 675.

Voted, That Col. Bartlett, Mr. Duncan, Mr. J. Pickering, Mr. J. Dow, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Green and Mr. Freeman, with such of the hon. Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider what business is yet necessary to be done at this session, and when this court shall be adjourned; also, consider what allowance shall be made his Excellency the President, for his services the current year, and what salary shall be given the hon. Judges of the Superior-Court of Judicature, and what allowance to the Officers of the Civil List; Likewise to consider what allowance shall be made the hon. Council for their travel and attendance in the recess of the General-Court; and the Members of the hon. Senate and House of Representatives, and their Officers, for their travel and attendance at the present session, and report thereon. Sent up by Major Young.

Voted, That Mr. E. Pickering, Col. Tash and Mr. Frink, with such of the hon. Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the Memorial of Lemuel Holmes, Esq. and all similar matters and report thereon. Sent up by Major Young.

The committee on the petition of Jeremiah Eames, Esq. reported, That having considered the petition and Representations of the towns of Northumberland, Lancaster, Dartmouth and Stratford, find that the said four towns are situated on the extreme northern frontiers of this state, and that they were at the commencement and through the duration of the late war, at a great distance from other settled towns:

That they were much exposed to the enemy, and frequently attacked by [the] scouting parties from Canada, and had many of their inhabitants carried away and kept [a] long [time] in captivity;

That the settlement and cultivation of said towns were discouraged and retarded, and that the greatest part of their Young Men went into the Continental Army, and the rest deserted said towns: That the inhabitants of said towns had spent a great part of their time in scouting and building forts and other services, in defence of said frontier, and that their continuing their settlements and services, were of great advantage to the state, and prevented the great expence that would have attended the *keeping up * 13 : 80 a frontier, had they deserted their habitations.

Your committee, therefore, [beg leave to] report, as their unanimous opinion, that said towns be discharged from all Arrearages of Taxes for Soldiers, Beef, Rum, and other requisitions on them by this state, prior to the year 1784; and that the Treasurer be directed to discharge the same accordingly; and that said abatement or discharge of Taxes, be considered as a full satisfaction for all accounts of scoutings, alarms, &c. which said towns may have

against the state to the present time: signed Francis Worster, for the committee: which [report] being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted. Sent up by Mr. Sanborn.

Agreeable to the order of the day, heard several parties [persons] on their petitions, but the determination thereon was postponed.

Voted, That the hearing on the petition of Benjamin Tripp, which was to have been this day, be postponed 'till to-morrow.

[Adjourned to 9 o'clock to morrow morning.]

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1786.

The House met [according to adjournment] at nine o'clock A. M.

An act to establish certain Impost Duties on various foreign articles, imported into this state, was read a third time, and the yeas and nays being called, whether it should pass to be enacted, were as follow, viz.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Gen. Sullivan,	Col. Bartlett,	Mr. Parkman,
Maj. Gains,	Mr. Brackett,	Mr. Kimball,
Mr. Pickering,	Col. Gilman,	Mr. Freeman,
Mr. Sparhawk,	Mr. Libbey,	Col. Payne,
Mr. E. Pickering,	Col. McMillan,	Col. Simpson,
Maj. Weeks,	Mr. N. Young,	Maj. [Mr. J.] Young,
Col. Wiggin,	Mr. Frink,	Col. Whipple.
Mr. Plummer,	Capt. Copland,	
Col. Hill,	Mr. Griffin,	

Nays.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Willard,	Mr. Shaw,	Mr. Means,
Mr. Works,	Mr. [Nh] Batcheldor,	Mr. Adams,
Mr. Harper,	Capt. Eastman,	Col. Putnam,
Mr. Badger,	Capt. Morrill,	Mr. Cragin,
Mr. Powers,	Mr. Barnard,	Mr. M. Wallace,
Mr. Holmes,	Maj. Batcheldor,	Mr. Duncan,
Mr. Kendall,	Col. Welch,	Mr. R. Wallace,
Mr. Hoyt,	Mr. Butler,	Mr. J. Dow,
Mr. Prentice,	Col. Waldron,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. McMurphy,	Mr. Knowles,	Mr. Harvey,
Col. White,	Gen. Dow,	Mr. Grout,
Mr. Jenness,	Mr. Marsh,	Col. Shepherd,
Col. Leavitt,	Mr. Taylor,	Mr. Gaskill.
Col. Toppan,	Mr. McGregore,	
Mr. Sanborn,	Mr. Emerson,	

Yeas 25 — Nays 43 — So it passed in the negative, [the motion was lost.]

* 13 : 81 *Voted*, That Mr. Sparhawk, Mr. Prentice, Gen. Sullivan, Col. Waldron, Mr. Means, Mr. McGregore, Col. Shepherd, Mr. Frink, Col. Payne and Gen. Dow, [with such of the Honb^l Senate as they shall join] be a committee to take under consideration a bill to establish certain Impost Duties on various foreign articles imported into this State, and report such alterations and amendments as they may judge necessary.

Adjourned to three o'clock, P. M.

Met accordingly.

Voted, That the account of Benjamin Lamson, amounting to three pounds fifteen shillings, be allowed and paid out of the Treasury by order of the President. Sent up by Col. Green.

Voted, That the account of William Plummer, amounting to twelve shillings, be allowed and paid out of the Treasury by order of the President. Sent up by Col. Green.

Voted, That the account of Thomas Bartlett, Esq. amounting to three pounds fifteen shillings, be allowed and paid out of the Treasury by order of the President. Sent up by Col. Green.

Voted, That the account of Christopher Toppan, Esquire, amounting to two pounds fifteen shillings and six pence, be allowed and paid out of the Treasury by order of the President.

Sent up by Col. Green.

Voted, That the account of the hon. Joseph Badger, Esq. amounting to three pounds nineteen shillings, be allowed and paid out of the Treasury, by order of the President. Sent up by Col. Green.

[*Voted*, that the Account of David Swett amounting to Eighteen Shillings be allowed and paid out of the Treasury by order of the President — Sent up by Col^o Green.]

Upon reading and considering the petition of Jonathan Moulton, Esq. *Voted*, That the prayer thereof be granted, and that the Petitioner have leave to bring in a bill accordingly.

Sent up by Mr. E. [Maj^r] Pickering.

Voted, That the hearing on the petition of Benjamin Trip, which was to have been this day, before the General-Court, be postponed 'till to-morrow, of which, all concerned are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly. Sent up by Mr. [Maj^r] Pickering.

Adjourned to nine o'clock tomorrow morning.

* FRIDAY, February 24, 1786. * 13 : 82

The House met according to adjournment.

An act to establish certain Impost Duties on various foreign articles, imported into this state, was read a third time and passed to be enacted Sent up by Mr. J. Pickering and Mr. Sparkawk.

An act for encouraging and increasing of Shipping and Navigation, and for raising a Revenue on articles exported from this state, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Mr. J. Pickering and Mr. Sparhawk.

An act to regulate the repair of the Bridge over [the] Exeter-River, from Stratham to Newmarkett, and directing the manner in which the same shall be repaired in future, was read a third time and passed to be enacted Sent up by Mr. J. Pickering and Mr. Sparhawk.

Voted, That Col. James Hackett of Exeter, Col. James Hill of Newmarkett, and Mr. Andrew Wiggin, jun. of Stratham, be and they hereby are appointed a committee to direct the repair of Newmarkett-Bridge, agreeable to an act of this state, for repairing said Bridge, and that they be a committee until another shall be appointed in their stead. Sent up by Mr. J. Pickering.

An act to encourage the manufacturing of Linseed-Oyl, within this state, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Col. Hill and Mr. Plummer.

Voted, That Col. Bartlett, Col. Green, Gen. Sullivan, Col. Badger, Mr. Means, Mr. Cragin, Mr. Hall, Mr. Frink, Col. Payne and Gen. Dow, with such of the hon. Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of some method for repairing and making passable the roads leading from Portsmouth to Haverhill, and other towns on Connecticut-River, and report thereon.

Sent up by Captain Spaulding.

An act to encourage the breeding and feeding of Cattle, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Col Hill, and Mr. Plummer.

An act to encourage the raising of Tobacco, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Col. Wentworth and Mr. McGregore.

* 13 : 83 *A Bill, entitled an act to repeal an act, entitled, An act to prevent the bodies of Debtors being taken in execution, when real or personal estate can be found or is tendered to satisfy the demand, was sent down from the hon. Senate for concurrence, and the yeas and nays being required, whether said bill should be enacted, were as follow, (viz.)

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Maj. Gains,	Mr. E. Pickering,	Mr. Means,
Mr. [J.] Pickering,	Mr. Sanborn,	Mr. Sumner,
Mr. Sparhawk,	Mr. Plummer,	Mr. Whipple.
Mr. Prentice,	Mr. McGregore,	
Nays.	**Nays.**	**Nays.**
Gen. Sullivan,	Mr. Hall,	Maj. Batcheldor,
Mr. Jenness,	Mr. Gilmore,	Mr. Glidden,

Nays.	Nays.	Nays.
Col. Wiggin,	Mr. Jewett,	Col. Waldron,
Capt. Eastman,	Mr. Frink,	Mr. Brackett,
Col. Bartlett,	Mr. Griffin,	Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Batcheldor,	Mr. Kimball,	Mr. Duncan,
Col. Welch,	Col. Payne,	Mr. Grout,
Maj. Wentworth,	Maj. Young,	Mr. Gaskill,
Mr. McMurphy,	Mr. Badger,	Mr. Powers,
Col. Leavitt,	Mr. Libbey,	Mr. Kendall,
Mr. Shaw,	Mr. Marsh,	Gen. Dow,
Mr. Morrill,	Col. Putnam,	Col. Toppan,
Mr. Barnard,	Mr. M. Wallace,	Col. Hill,
Col. Green,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Butler,	Mr. Whitcomb,	Mr. Foss,
Mr. Knowles,	Mr. Willard,	Col. Tash,
Mr. Harper,	Mr. N. Young,	Capt. Spaulding.
Col. Gilman,	Mr. Holmes,	Mr. Harvey,
Mr. Adams,	Mr. Parkman,	Col. Shepherd,
Col. McMillan,	Mr. Hoyt,	Mr. Works,
Mr. Cragin,	Col. Simpson,	Capt. Copland,
Mr. J. Dow,	Maj. Weeks,	Mr. Freeman,

Yeas 11,— Nays 66.

So it passed in the negative.

The [report of the] Committee on the petition of Doctor Jonathan Gove, reported, That the petition lay 'till next session, which report being rejected,

Motion was made that the prayer of the petition be so far granted as that the sentance against [said] Dr. Gove, be nullified, and he have leave to bring in a bill accordingly, on which motion, the yeas and nays being called were as follow, viz.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Gen. Sullivan,	Mr. Gaskill,	Mr. Libbey,
Mr. J. Pickering,	Mr. N. Young,	Mr. Taylor,
Mr. E. Pickering,	Mr. Frink,	Mr. Means,
Mr. Jenness,	Mr. Kimball,	Mr. Harvey,
Mr. [N^{ll}] Batcheldor,	Mr. Freeman,	Mr. Hall,
Mr. Plummer,	Col. Simpson,	Mr. Works,
Mr. Glidden,	Mr. Prentice,	Mr. Sumner,
Mr. Knowles,	Maj. Weeks,	Mr. Powers,
Mr. Harper,	Col. Toppan,	Mr. Griffin,
Mr. Brackett,	Capt. Morrill,	Mr. Hoyt,
Col. Tash,	Mr. Bartlett,	Col. Payne,
Mr. McGregore,	Col. Welch,	Mr. [J.] Young,
Mr. J. Dow,	Mr. Foss,	
Mr. Grout,	Mr. Badger.	

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Nays.	Nays.	Nays.
Maj. Gains,	Col. Shepherd,	Mr. Marsh,
Col. Leavitt,	Mr. Gilmore,	Capt. Spaulding,
Col. Bartlett,	Capt. Copland,	Mr. M. Wallace,
Mr. Page,	Mr. McMurphy,	Maj. Whitcomb,
Col. Waldron,	Col. Hill,	Mr. Jewett,
Col. Putnam,	Maj. Batcheldor,	Mr. Kendall.
Mr. Cragin,	Mr. Butler,	

Yeas 40,—Nays 20.

So it passed in the affirmative. [So the motion prevailed.]

Sent up by Col. Green.

[1]The Committee on the petition of John Pierce, respecting the estate of John Fisher, Esq. reported,

That the prayer thereof be granted, under proper restrictions, to be provided for in the act, and that he have leave to bring in a bill for that purpose ; signed M. Thornton for the committee ; which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted. Sent up by Mr. Jewett.

The committee on the petition of Mary Conant, reported, that the prayer thereof be granted, [and] that the petitioner have leave to bring in a bill accordingly, at this or the next session of the General-Court ; signed M. Thornton for the committee ; which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Mr. Jewett.

Adjourned to three o'clock, P. M.

Met accordingly.

An act to vacate the proceedings on an execution against Joseph Kelley, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Major Weeks and Mr. Sumner.

The bill for laying a fine on delinquent Sheriffs and Town Clerks, which passed the [this] House the 17th instant was sent down from the hon. Senate, [not concurred] with a bill of the same title, but somewhat different in the enacting clauses ; which was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Major Weeks and Mr. Sumner.

Agreeably to the order of the day proceeded to a hearing on the petition of Benjamin Trip, and

Voted, That the prayer thereof be granted, and that the petitioner have leave to bring in a bill accordingly. Sent up by Major Weeks.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

1. In the MS. this vote and the one following are entered in the afternoon session.

* SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1786. * 13 : 85

The House met according to adjournment.

An act to vest the exclusive priviledge of keeping a ferry over a certain part of Connecticut-River, in Benjamin Bellows[1] of Walpole, his heirs and assigns, was read a third time and passed to be enacted. Sent up by Col. Gilman, and Major Young.

An act to restore Hugh Tallant to his law, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Col. Gilman and Major Young.

An act to vest the exclusive priviledge of keeping a ferry over a certain part of Connecticut-River, in Joseph Kimball[2] of Plainfield, his heirs and assigns, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Mr. Sparhawk and Mr. Duncan.

An act to restore Henry Kenniston to his right in certain land in Barnstead, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Col. Gilman and Major Young.

An act to restore John Pickering, jun. to his right to certain land in Barnstead, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Col. Gilman and Major Young.

An act to vest the exclusive priviledge of keeping a ferry over a certain part of Connecticut-River, in Samuel Bayley[3] of Lebanon, his heirs and assigns, was read a third time and passed to be enacted. Sent up by Mr. Pickering and Mr. Adams.

An act to facilitate the payment of outstanding taxes, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Mr. Jenness and Col. Bartlett.

An act for supplying the Treasury of this State with ten thousand five hundred pounds, for the purpose of discharging the specie part of the requisition of Congress of the 27th of September last, said to be this State's Quota of the interest of the foreign debt of the United States, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Mr. Jenness and Col. Bartlett.

An act for laying out high ways, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Col. Leavit and Col. Wentworth.

* An act to prevent encroachments on high ways, was * 13 : 86 read a third time and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Col. Leavit and Col. Wentworth.

[4]An act for mending and repairing [the] high ways in this State, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Col. Leavit and Col. Wentworth.

1. xiii. Ham. Town Papers, 608. 2. Idem, 205. 3. xii. Ham. Town Papers, 386.
4. This vote and the one preceding are reversed in the MS.

An act for repealing sundry laws of this State, relative to high ways, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Col. Leavit and Col. Wentworth.

The committee on the petition of Elijah Weed, in behalf of the town of Unity, reported,

That the prayer thereof be so far granted that the town be credited for one Jonathan Pettengill, (a Continental Soldier, not claimed by any other town) the sum of sixty pounds, with the interest charged on an extent against said town for one man, and that the Treasurer take order accordingly. The committee further reported, that the Sheriff's fees shall be paid by said town; signed Ebenezer Webster for the committee; which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted. Sent up by Mr. Pickering.

The committee on the petition of Jonathan Warner, Esq. reported,

That the prayer thereof be granted and that the petitioner have leave to bring in a resolve [Bill] accordingly: signed, M. Thornton for the committee: which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Mr. Pickering.

Voted, That Col. Bartlett, Col. Green, and Mr. [M.] Wallace, with such of the hon. Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of John Wendell, Esq, and report thereon.

Sent up by Mr. Libbey.

The committee on the account of Richard Hart, having examined the same with the vouchers offered in support thereof, reported,

That there be allowed and paid out of the Treasury, to the said Richard Hart, the sum of one hundred and twenty-five pounds ten shillings and seven pence, in full of said account; signed, Nathaniel Peabody per order of the committee; which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Mr. Libbey.

Voted, That Col. Gilman, Mr. J. Gilman and Mr. Emerson, with such of the hon. Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Nathan Barlow, and report thereon.

Sent up by Mr. Libbey.

* 13 : 87 *The committee on the account of Jonathan Warner, Esq. reported,

That there be allowed and paid out of the Treasury, to said Warner, the sum of one hundred and forty-four [fifty four] pounds thirteen shillings and five pence, in full of said account; signed Nathaniel Peabody per order of the committee; which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted, and that his Excellency the President give order accordingly. Sent up by Mr. Libbey.

Voted, That Mr. J. Gilman, Col. Waldron and Mr. Willard, with such of the hon. Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of James Knowles, Esq. and report thereon,

Sent up by Mr. Libbey, [R. Wallace.]

Voted, That Col. McMillan, Mr. McMurphy and Mr. M. Wallace, with such of the hon. Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Simon Willard[1] and the Selectmen of Swanzey[2]: also the petition of Alexander Parkman, and report thereon. Sent up by Mr. R. Wallace.

The committee on the petition of Lemuel Holmes, Esq. reported,

That the Town of Surry be credited for the whole amount of Beef delivered John Millan, being 3300 lb. and that the Treasurer credit said town accordingly: signed Moses Chase for the committee; which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Mr. R. Wallace.

The vote of yesterday respecting Dr. Jonathan Gove, was returned by [came down from] the hon. Senate not concurred: whereupon, *Voted*, That the said Doctor Gove, be heard on his petition, before the General-Court, on the third Wednesday of the next session thereof. Sent up by Mr. R. Wallace.

Adjourned to Monday next, at ten o'clock, A. M.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1786.

Several members met according to adjournment, but there not being a quorum for transacting [to transact] business, adjourned to 3 o'clock, P. M.

Met accordingly.

An act for granting a Lottery to finish a Bridge over Baker's River (so called) in Plymouth, was read a third time and passed to be enacted. Sent up by Col. Waldron and Col. Sumner.

* An act to prevent the keeping of large quantities of Gun-Powder, in private houses in Portsmouth, and for appointing a keeper of the Magazine, belonging to said town, was read a third time and passed to be enacted. * 13 : 88

Sent up by Mr. Sparhawk and Mr. McMurphy.

[An Act to restore John Young to his Law was read a third time and passed to be Enacted —

Sent up by Mr Sparhawk and Mr McMurphy.]

An act to annul and make void a Judgment of Court obtained against Ebenezer Torrey, by David Larned and Abel Larned, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Mr. Sparhawk and Mr. McMurphy.

1. xiii. Ham. Town Papers, 529. 2. Idem, 528.

The committee on the petition of Samuel Potter, reported, That the Treasurer issue to the Petitioner, a Note of equal value to that said to be burnt, he giving bond to return the latter into the Treasury, in case it shall ever be found; signed Otis Baker, for the committee; which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted. Sent up by Col. Badger.

The committee on the petition of Benjamin Sumner and all similar matters, to whom was referred, a petition in behalf of the Town of Orford,[1] reported, That the said town of Orford be allowed and credited for one John Lapish (a Continental Soldier in the New-Hampshire regiment,) the sum of sixty pounds, and the interest thereof, on settlement of the account charged against said town, for the deficiency of Soldiers, and that the Treasurer take order accordingly: signed Nathaniel Peabody, for the committee; which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Mr. Prentice.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Azariah Webb,[2] Esq. in behalf of the town of Piermont, reported, [beg leave to report as their Opinion] That said town be credited for three Continental Soldiers, viz. William Lurvey of Warner's Regiment, David Ladd and Josiah Blodgett, both of Whitcomb's Corps, the sum of sixty pounds each, with the interest thereof on settlement of the account, charged against said townof Piermont for deficiency of soldiers, and that the * Treasurer take order accordingly: signed Nathaniel Peabody for the committee; which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted. Sent up by Col. Badger.

* 13:89

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1786.

The House met according to adjournment.

An act to discount an execution of Israel Morey, against the proprietors of Piermont, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Mr. McMurphy and Mr. Jenness.

An act to vest the exclusive priviledge of keeping a ferry over a certain part of Connecticut-River, in Thomas Burnside,[3] his heirs and assigns, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Mr. McMurphy and Mr. Jenness,

[Mr Bartlett & Majr Kimball.]

An act to restore to John Fisher, Esq. his property within this State, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Mr. Bartlett and Major Kimball.

1. xiii. Ham. Town Papers, 134. 2. xiii. Ham. Town Papers, 194. 3. xiii. Ham. Town Papers, 90.

Upon reading [hearing] and considering the petition of the selectmen of Hillsborough, *Voted*, That the prayer thereof be granted, and that the Petitioners have leave to bring in a bill accordingly, at this or the next session of the General-Court.

Sent up by Mr. Parkman.

Upon hearing and considering the petition of Solomon Robbins,[1] *Voted*, That the prayer thereof be granted, and that the petitioner have leave to bring in a bill accordingly.

Sent up by Mr. Parkman.

Upon hearing and considering the petition of Gen. John Stark, *Voted*, That a disinterested committee be appointed to run out the lines of Mason's Patent, and that said committee give public notice of the time of running said lines, that any person concerned may attend if they see cause, and that said committee report to the General-Court as soon as may be. Sent up by Mr. Griffin.

Voted, That Col. Toppan, Col. Payne, Mr. E. Pickering, Mr. Frink, Mr. McGregore, Col. Shepherd and Mr. Dow, with such of the hon. Senate as they shall join, be a committee to nominate to this House, twelve proper Persons, out of whom, for three to be appointed a committee to run the lines of Mason's Patent.

Sent up by Mr. Griffin.

*Upon reading and considering the petition of Josiah * 13 : 90
Willard,[2] *Voted*, That the Petitioner be heard thereon before the General-Court, on the third Wednesday of the next session thereof, and that in the mean time the Petitioner cause the Selectmen of Westmoreland, to be served with a copy of the petition and order of court thereon, that they or either of them may then appear and shew cause (if any they have) why the prayer thereof may not be granted; Also,

That the petition of Isaac Butterfield,[3] be heard at the same time.

Sent up by Capt. Spaulding.

The Committee on the petition of Plainfield, Lebanon, &c. reported,

That the town of Lyme be credited for three Continental Men, viz. Abner Barlow, Henry Tibbets and James Rosebrooks of Whitcomb's Corps; and that said town be allowed [the sum of] sixty pounds, for each of said men, with the interest thereof, on the settlement of the account the State has against said Lyme for deficiency of Soldiers; signed Joshua Wentworth for the committee; which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted, and that the Treasurer govern himself accordingly. Sent up by Capt. Spaulding.

Adjourned to three o'clock, P. M.

1. xiii. Ham. Town Papers, 669. 2. xiii. Ham. Town Papers, 668. 3. Idem, 671.

Met accordingly.

Voted, That Mr. Green, Col. Tash, and Mr. Prentice, with such of the hon. Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Moses Dow, Esq. in behalf of Haverhill and Piermont, and report thereon. Sent up by Mr. Nathan Young.

An act to repeal that part of an act passed in June, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-five, entitled, "An act for regulating Navigation and Commerce as far as the said act respects the Subjects of [any foreign prince or power, except the Subjects of] Great-Britain, and to suspend the operation of the said act, so far as the same respects the Subjects of Great-Britain, for the time hereinafter mentioned, and to repeal all other Laws heretofore passed for laying Duties on Exports and Imports, and for laying Tonnage, Poundage, Powder and Light-Money was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Col. Gilman and Mr. McMurphy.

* 13 : 91 **Voted*, That Gen. Sullivan, Col. Whipple, Col. Toppan, Mr. Sparhawk, Col. Payne, Col. McMillan and Mr. Prentice, with such of the hon. Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the Resolve of Congress of the 15th of February 1786, this day received, and report thereon. Sent up by Mr. Brackett.

An act to tax the lands in Barrington, for repairing high ways therein, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Foss and Mr. Marsh.

An act to restore to Benjamin Cummings, his share in the real estate of his late Father, was read a third time and passed to be enacted. Sent up by Mr. Foss and Mr. Marsh.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, March 1, 1786.

The House met according to adjournment.

Voted, That Col. Gilman, Mr. Wallace and Col. Bartlett, with such of the hon. Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the account of Moses Chase, Esq. and all similar matters, and report thereon. Sent up by Col. Simpson.

Voted, That Major Kimball, Mr. Holmes, Col. Hill and Major Young, with such of the hon. Senate as they shall join, be added to the committee on the petition of Jonathan Warner, Esquire.

Sent up by Mr. Duncan.

The Committee on the petition of Mark H. Wentworth, Esq. having examined and considered the same with the papers, vouchers and evidence offered in support thereof, Reported, That there be allowed

and paid out of the Treasury to the said Wentworth, the sum of seven hundred and ninety-three pounds nine shillings lawful money, in full of said account, signed Nathaniel Peabody by order of the committee; which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted, and that after deducting four hundred pounds already received, that his Excellency the President, give order for the payment of the remainder, being three hundred and ninety-three pounds nine shillings. Sent up by Col. Hill.

[The Committee on petitions of sick and wounded Officers and Soldiers, having considered the petition of Benjamin Knight, late a soldier in Capt. B. Stone's Company, in Col. Scammel's Regiment, from this State, in the Army of the United States, Reported, That the prayer of said petition be granted, and that the sums therein mentioned, being ten pounds and six pence, charged for a Surgeon's bill, and for nursing and attending said Knight; when a soldier aforesaid be allowed and paid out of the Treasury, and that his Excellency the President give order accordingly; signed M. Thornton for the committee; which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted. Sent up by Col. Hill.]

Upon reading and considering the petition of the town of Croyden.

Voted, That the prayer thereof be granted, and that the [said] town of Croyden be credited sixty pounds, with the interest thereof, on the extent against said town (they having made * it to appear that one William Sisco, served in the Continental Army for said town) they paying the Sheriff's fees, and that the Treasurer govern himself accordingly. Sent up by Mr. Jenness. * 13 : 92

The committee on the petition of James Knowles, Esq.

Reported, That the town of Rochester be allowed the pay for Daniel Alley, and that the Treasurer deduct the same, with interest, from the sum the said town is called on for; signed Otis Baker, for the committee; which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted, and that the Treasurer govern himself accordingly. Sent up by Mr. Jenness.

The committee on Lieut. Crombie's petition and all similar matters, Reported, That the accounts of Doctor Nathaniel Kidder, amounting to four pounds two shillings and one penny; be allowed and paid out of the Treasury by order of the President: signed M. Thornton for the committee; which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Mr. Jenness.

[1] *Voted*, That the account of Capt. Meshech Bell, amounting to four pounds and ten shillings, be allowed and paid out of the Treasury by order of the President. Sent up by Mr. Dow.

1. This vote and the one following are reversed in the MS.

Voted, That the Pay-Roll of Capt. Meshech Bell, amounting to eighty pounds, be allowed and paid out of the Treasury by order of the President. Sent up by Mr. Dow.

The committee on Lieut. Crombie's petition and [all] similar matters, Reported, That the account of Sarah Little amounting to seven pounds one shilling and three pence, be allowed and paid out of the Treasury by order of the President; signed M. Thornton, for the committee; which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted. Sent up by Mr. Dow.

The committee on Lieut. Crombie's petition and [all] similar matters, Reported, That the account of Doctor A. R. Cutter, amounting to twenty-six pounds one shilling, be allowed and paid out of the Treasury by order of the President, signed, M. Thornton, for the committee; which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted. Sent up by Mr. Frink

* 13 : 93 **Resolved*, That the Selectmen of the town of New-Bradford, be and hereby are authorized and impowered to assess and collect all the outstanding Taxes remaining against said town (making a distinct list for each year) in one Tax, in the usual form, upon the Lands in said town by the Lots, and that no extents issue against said town either for Soldiers or said Taxes, until the first of January next; also, that the extent now against said town be stayed 'till said first of January. Sent up by Mr. Frink.

Resolved, That the town of Cardigan, be abated two thirds (including the abatements which have heretofore been made) of all taxes and requirements upon them previous to the last proportion act; and the Selectmen of said town for the ensuing year be and hereby are authorized and impowered to assess and collect all the outstanding taxes remaining against said town and not already assessed up to the time of the said proportion, making a distinct list for each year, in usual form, and that the Constable, for the year ensuing, proceed in collecting the same, in the same manner as other taxes, and that the extents against said town for deficiency of soldiers be also abated. No extents for outstanding taxes be issued against said town until the first day of January next. Sent up by Major Wallace.

The committee to whom was referred a petition in behalf of the town of Bath, having considered the same, [Reported] beg leave to report,

That the said town be credited for William Grimshaw, a Continental Soldier, late belonging to Hazzen's Regiment, the sum of sixty pounds, with the interest thereof, that the same be allowed in settlement of the charge against said town for deficiency of Soldiers, and that the Treasurer take order thereon and govern himself accordingly.

The committee further reported, [as their Opinion] That the said town of Bath is entitled to receive a twenty pound bounty for procuring the said Soldier; signed Joshua Wentworth, for the committee; which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted. Sent up by Major Wallace.

Resolved, That the town of Bath be abated four fifths of all the taxes and requirements [against them previous to] for the year 1780, and one half of all taxes and requirements for the years
* 1780, 1781, 1782 and 1783, and four ninths of all taxes * 13 : 94
and requirements founded upon the last proportion act, until a new one shall take place.

And the Selectmen of said town, for the current year, are hereby impowered to levy and assess all the remainder of the said taxes and requisitions in one tax-bill, distinguishing each year's tax by itself up to the present year and commit the same to the Constable who is hereby authorized to collect it in the usual manner.

And it is further *Resolved*, That it shall and may be lawful for the Selectmen of said town to levy and assess the unimproved Lands in future upon the Lots in said town by the Number and Range, any law to the contrary notwithstanding; and that all extents against said town for outstanding taxes and deficiencies of soldiers be stayed until the first day of January next.

Sent up by Mr. Dow.

Voted, That his Excellency the President, have and receive out of the Treasury the sum of two hundred pounds as a salary from June 1785 to June 1786. Sent up by Col. Welch.

Voted, That the hon. the Chief-Justice of the Superior-Court, have and receive out of the Treasury the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds per year in future as a salary, he accounting for the fees he may receive from time to time within each year.

Sent up by Col. Welch.

Voted, That the hon. the Puisne Justices of the Superior Court, have and receive out of the Treasury the sum of one hundred and thirty pounds each per year in future, they severally accounting for the fees they may from time to time receive within each year.

Sent up by Col. Welch.

Adjourned to three o'clock, P. M.

Met accordingly.

The committee on the petition of Jonathan Warner, Esq. Reported, That the prayer thereof be so far granted, that the execution alluded to be considered only as satisfied for so much as was due on the mortgage given by Stilson to Reeves at the time of the
levy mentioned, and that said Stilson shall * have liberty * 13 : 95
to avail himself of the equity of redemption, if he thinks

proper at any time within one year from this term: and that the proceeding upon this petition shall not preclude said Stilson from any action or remedy he might have had or is now entitled to, for or on account of any proceeding on the execution aforesaid, and that the Petitioner have leave to bring in a bill accordingly; signed M. Thornton for the committee; which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Col. Gilman.

Voted, That Mr. J. Gilman, Major Gains, and Major Whitcomb, with such of the hon. Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the memorial of Noah Emery, jun. Esq. and all similar matters, and report thereon. Sent up by Col. Gilman.

Voted, That the account of Col. Benjamin Sumner, amounting to one pound [&] ten shillings, be allowed and paid out of the Treasury by order of the President. Sent up by Col. Gilman.

The committee on the petition of Capt. Moses Woodward, Reported, That they find a balance due to him, as Commissary of Prisoners, of two hundred and sixty-nine pounds, nineteen shillings and five pence one farthing, in full of his demands, and that he be allowed to return into the Treasury sixty-three dollars New Emission bills; signed Joshua Wentworth for the committee; which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted, and that the President give order accordingly. Sent up by Capt. Marsh.

The Committee on the petition of John Wendell, Esq. Reported, That the Judge of Probate be directed to adjust and settle said Wendell's demand against said Wentworth's estate, allowing interest as prayed for in said petition; signed George Atkinson, for the committee; which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted. Sent up by Capt. Marsh.

The [report of the] committee on the petition of John Neal and James McGregore, Esquires, which was in favor of their having an order on the Treasury for forty pounds, being rejected,

Voted, That they have and receive out of the Treasury thirty pounds, and that the President give order accordingly.

Sent up by Mr. McGregore.

[1] The Committee to whom was referred a petition in behalf of the township of Coventry,[2] having considered the same, examined the Books, Papers, &c. find that one Edward Clark was furnished by said Town to serve as a Continental Soldier, in Hazzen's Regiment during the war; therefore,

Reported, That the said town of Coventry be allowed and credited sixty pounds, and that the interest thereof on settlement of the ac-

1. In the MS. this is entered the next day, March 2. 2. xi. Ham. Town Papers, 192, 193.

count or charge against the same for deficiency of Soldiers, and that the Treasurer take order thereon accordingly. signed Nathaniel Peabody by order of the committee, which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Mr. McGregore.

*Upon reading and considering the petition of John Combs, *Voted*, That the prayer thereof be granted, and that the Treasurer [take notice and] govern himself accordingly. *13:96

Sent up by Mr. McGregore.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, March 2, 1786.

The House met according to adjournment.

The committee to whom was referred a petition in behalf of the town of Hanover, having maturely considered the same, find that [said Town did furnish] Medad Taylor and James Winton, for the first New-Hampshire Regiment; John Pendall for the second New-Hampshire Regiment; Elisha Brown for Hazzen's Regiment, and Luther Lincoln of Crane's Regiment, being in the whole five Continental Soldiers; therefore,

Reported, That the said town of Hanover be credited and allowed sixty pounds for each of the aforesaid five soldiers and the interest thereof, on settlement of the charge against said town for deficiency of soldiers.

The Committee further reported, That [the] said town of Hanover be abated two fifth parts of all [the] taxes and requisitions charged against the same previous to the last proportion act taking place and that the said town of Hanover have, also, a further allowance and abatement, sufficient to discharge the whole of the extent or charge against said town for their deficiency of Continental Soldiers, and any monies which have been paid on that score, be allowed towards a discharge of taxes, after making the aforementioned deductions; and that the Treasurer be impowered and directed to receive from Jonathan Freeman, Esq Agent for said Hanover, four hundred and thirty-four pounds fourteen shillings, in New-Hampshire Bills, being money collected for taxes in said town, agreeable to a precept issued for that purpose, and credit said town for the Nominal Amount thereof in discharge of outstanding taxes; said bills having lain in the hands of the Treasurer of said town in the different sums and years mentioned in the deposition of Jonathan Freeman and Russell Freeman, Esquires, herewith exhibited, and that no extent issue against said

town for arrearages of taxes until the first day of January next: signed Joshua Wentworth for the committee; which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Mr. Freeman.

* 13 : 97 * The Committee on the petition of Lebanon.

Reported, That having fully considered the same, they are of opinion, that no extent issue against said town until the first day of January next, and that the Treasurer be impowered and directed to receive from Robert Colbourn, Agent for said town, sixty-six pounds twelve shillings, in New-Hampshire bills, being money collected for taxes in said town for the Nominal Amount thereof, in discharge of outstanding taxes; signed Joshua Wentworth, for the committee; which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Mr. Freeman.

The committee on the petition of the town of Grafton, Reported, That having fully considered the same, they are of opinion that the said town be abated for taxes and requisitions, from 1777 to 1780, two thirds; and from 1780 to 1783, one half of said taxes and requisitions, and that the extent now against said town for soldiers be stayed, and no other extent be issued until the first day of January next; signed Joshua Wentworth for the committee; which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Mr. Freeman.

The committee to whom was referred a petition in behalf of the Proprietors and Inhabitants of the township of Landaff,[1] having considered the same,

Reported, That the said town be abated and credited for the amount of one full moiety of all taxes and requisitions apportioned thereto previous to the last proportion act taking place; and that the Treasurer take notice thereof and allow the same in settling the balances due from said town.

The committee further reported as their opinion, That the said town of Landaff, be abated one sixth part of the propor-
* 13 : 98 tion assigned thereto [in the * last proportion Act, from the passing thereof] until a new proportion be made among the several towns in this State; and that the Treasurer take order thereon and deduct the same accordingly; signed Francis Worster for the committee; which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Major Whitcomb.

1. xii. Ham. Town Papers, 362.

The committee on the petition of the town of Warren, Reported, That the [said] town of Warren be abated twelve pounds thirteen shillings and five pence, in their proportion of Rateable Estate, as set to them in the last proportion act, and to continue until a new one shall take place, being for what was taken off from said town by a settlement of lines by a committee appointed by the General-Court for that purpose, and addded to the towns of Piermont and Wentworth; and that the sum of six pounds, [&] twelve shillings and six pence, part of said sum be added to the rateable estate of said Piermont; and the sum of six pounds and eleven pence, the remainder of said sum be added to the amount of the rateable estate of said Wentworth; and that the Treasurer take notice thereof and govern himself accordingly; signed M. Thornton, for the committee; which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Col. Green.

The committee on the petition of Orford.

Reported, That no extent issue against said town for outstanding taxes until the first day of January next; signed Joshua Wentworth for the committee; which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted. Sent up by Col. Green.

The committee on the petition of William Adams, and similar matters, Reported, That having considered thereof, they are of opinion that William Adams, William Brooks, David Ames, Solomon Hobert, John Brooks and Jacob Taylor, who were privates in Capt. Nathan Chapman's Company, Col. Flower's Regiment of Artillery and Artificers in Continental service, be allowed depreciation of their wages in the same manner as the soldiers in the New-Hampshire Line have been, provided they have not already received it from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the committee for making up depreciation take order accordingly: * signed Ebenezer Webster for the committe; which report being read and considered, * 13 : 99

Voted, That it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Col. Green.

*An act to vest the exclusive priviledge of keeping a ferry over a certain part of Connecticut-River, in Moses Chase, his heirs and assigns, was sent down from the hon. Senate for concurrence, was read three times and concurred.

Sent up by Col. Payne and Col. Bartlett.

The committee on the petition of Alexander Parkman, in behalf of the town of Marlborough,

* This vote in the MS. is entered immediately after the vote in favor of the town of Claremont.

Reported, That the said town be allowed pay for Calvin Goodenough, a soldier hired by [them] the said town, together with interest on the same, they paying the necessary cost of serving the extent, and that the Treasurer take order accordingly: signed Otis Baker, for the committee; which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Col. Green.

An act to vest the exclusive priviledge of keeping a ferry over a certain part of Connecticut-River in Micah Reed,[1] his heirs and assigns, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Col. Green and Mr. Emerson.

The committee on the petition of Benjamin Sumner,[2] Esq.

Reported, That the town of Claremont, be allowed and credited for one Amos Ames, a Continental Soldier in the late Corps commanded by Gen. Hazzen, the sum of sixty pounds, with the interest thereof in settlement of the account against said town for deficiency of soldiers, and that the Treasurer take order thereon; signed, Nathaniel Peabody for the committee; which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Col. Payne.

The committee on the petition of Plainfield[3]

Reported, That [the] said town [of Plainfield] be abated of their taxes, (viz.) from the doomage 1777 to 1780 one half; from 1780 to 1783 two fifths; and from 1783 until a new proportion be taken, four ninths; and that no extents be issued against said town for arrearages, until the first day of January next; signed, Joshua Wentworth for the committee; which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted. Sent up by Col. Payne.

* 13 : 100 *The committee on the petitions of sick and wounded Officers and Soldiers, having considered the petition of Solomon Cole, a wounded Soldier, late belonging to one of the New-Hampshire Regiments,

Reported, That the said Solomon Cole, have and receive one third of his monthly pay, to commence at the time his [whole] pay, as a Soldier ceased, and to be continued till the further order of the General-Court, and that he be enrolled as an invalid Pensioner accordingly; signed Nathaniel Peabody, for the committee; which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Col. Payne.

The committee having considered the petition of James Reed, late a Brigadier General in the Army of the United States of America,

1. xiii. Ham. Town Papers, 670. 2. xi. Ham. Town Papers, 375. 3. xiii. Ham. Town Papers, 204.

Reported, That they find by a Resolution of Congress, passed December 14th 1781, that said Reed was entitled to receive the depreciation of his pay, from the time of his appointment to the first day of August 1779, and one hundred and twenty-five dollars per month, as wages from the [said] first day of August 1779, to the last day of December 1780, with an allowance for detained Rations, as mentioned in said Resolution;

The committee further reported, That by the vouchers and certificates herewith exhibited, the said Reed by the establishment made by Congress of the 26th of August 1776, is entitled to receive one half his monthly pay, since the last day of December 1780, as an invalid Pensioner; signed M. Thornton, for the committee; which report being read and considered, motion was made to have it received and accepted, and that his Excellency the President, give the orders necessary to carry the same into effect; on which motion, the yeas and nays being called, were as follow:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Gen. Sullivan,	Mr. E. Pickering,	Mr. Kimball,
Maj. Gains,	Maj. Weeks,	Mr. Freeman,
Mr. Sparhawk,	Mr. Shaw,	Mr. Payne,
Mr. Plummer,	Col. Hill,	Col. Simpson,
Mr. Glidden,	Col. Welch,	Mr. J. Young,
Col. Waldron,	Maj. Wentworth,	Mr. Works,
Mr. Knowles,	Mr. Foss,	Mr. N. Young,
Capt. Harper,	Mr. Badger,	Mr. Frink,
Mr. Brackett,	Col. Gilman,	Mr. Griffin,
Mr. Libbey,	Col. Tash,	Mr. Sumner,
Col. McMillan,	Mr. McGregore,	Mr. Powers,
Col. Wiggin,	Col. Putnam,	Mr. Holmes,
Mr. Harvey,	Col. Shepherd,	Mr. Kendall,
Mr. Hall.	Mr. Willard,	

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Nays.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Jenness,	Mr. Gaskill,	Mr. Adams,
Mr. Barnard,	Mr. Parkman,	Mr. M. Wallace,
Mr. Emerson,	Mr. McMurphy,	Maj. Whitcomb,
Mr. Cragin,	Capt. Morrill,	Mr. Jewett.
Mr. J. Dow,	Mr. Bartlett,	

Yeas 41 — Nays 14 — [So the motion prevailed for accepting the report. Sent up by Mr. Dow.]

The committee on the [petition of the] town of Lyman,[1] [Petition] Reported, That [the] said town be abated one half of all their taxes and apportionments, up to the last proportion act, and one quarter of

1. xii. Ham. Town Papers, 496.

all taxes,&c. until another proportion shall take place: signed Moses Chase, for the committee; which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Mr. Dow.

The following vote came down from the hon. Senate for concurrence,

IN SENATE, MARCH 2D, 1786.

Voted, That Mr. Atkinson, Mr. Thornton and Mr. Baker, be a committee, with such of the hon. House as they shall join, to nominate three proper persons, out of whom to chuse one to deliver a Sermon at the next Election. Sent down for concurrence.

Joseph Pearson, Deputy Secre'ry.

Read and concurred, and Major Gains, Mr. Adams and Major Weeks, joined. Sent up by Mr. Dow.

[The Committee on the Petition of Canaan Reported that no extent issue against said Town for outstanding Taxes and requisitions, and if any has issued, they be stayed until the first day of January next — signed Joshua Wentworth for the Committee, which report being read and considered, *Voted* that it be received and Accepted.

Sent up by Mr Dow.]

The committee on the petition of Cornish.

Reported, That said town be abated of the taxes and requisitions, by doomage from the year 1777 to 1783, one fourth, including what has already been abated; and from 1783 to a new proportion being taken, four ninths, and that said town be allowed sixty pounds, with the interest thereof, for Daniel Putnam, a Continental Soldier in the first New-Hampshire Regiment, and that the extent now against said town for deficiency of Continental Soldiers, be stayed, and
* 13 : 102 none issue for deficiency of other taxes, until * the first day of January next, signed Joshua Wentworth for the committee; which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Mr. Dow.

The committee on the petitions of sick and wounded Officers and Soldiers, having considered the petition of Stephen Richardson, a disabled Soldier, late belonging to one of the New-Hampshire Regiments,

Reported, That the said Stephen Richardson have and receive one third of his monthly pay, to commence at the time his whole pay, as a Soldier ceased, and to be continued till further order of the General-Court, and that he be enrolled as an invalid Pensioner, accordingly; signed Nathaniel Peabody, for the committee; which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Mr. Dow.

Adjourned to three o'clock, P. M.

Met accordingly.

The committee to whom was referred a petition in behalf of the town of Lyman,[1] respecting Continental Soldiers

Reported, That [the] said town be allowed for Thomas Piper, a Continental Soldier, in General Washington's guards, furnished agreeable to the requisition of the State, the sum of sixty pounds, and the interest; and that the Treasurer credit the same in settling the charge against said town for deficiency of Soldiers; signed Nathaniel Peabody by order of the committee; which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Major Kimball.

The following vote came down from the hon. Senate for concurrence.

In Senate, March 2, 1786.

Voted, That his Excellency the President, with the advice of the hon. Council, be requested to remove from the Office of Justice of the Peace, and Special Justice of the Superior-Court, for the county of Rockingham, Jeremiah Gilman, Esq. of Plastow, as a person unsuitable to fill those important offices. Sent down for concurrence.

Joseph Pearson, Deputy Sec'ry.

The same day read and concurred.

Sent up by Major Kimball.

* Agreeable to a vote [of] this day, Resolved, That the * 13 : 103 town of Lyman be abated one half of all the taxes and apportionments as heretofore affixed to said town, up to the last proportion act taking place.

And the Selectmen of said town, for the current year, are hereby impowered to levy and assess the remainder of [the] their taxes in one tax-bill, distinguishing for each year by itself, and commit the same to the Constable who is hereby impowered to collect the same.

And it appearing that the Inhabitants of said town have done much more than their proportion in defending themselves in the late war, and the Proprietors having done but little toward said service; and said Selectmen are hereby impowered and directed to levy and cause to be collected, any and all remaining tax or taxes, from the Proprietors of said town in the same manner as other taxes of Non-resident Proprietors are collected; and that no extent issue for any demands against said town until the first day of January next, and that the abatements mentioned this day, be considered to exclude said town from all demands against the state prior to the passing this Resolve. Sent up by Major Whitcomb.

Voted, That the Rev. Doctor Samuel Langdon be requested to prepare to preach an Election Sermon at Concord on the first

[1] xii. Ham. Town Papers, 496.

Wednesday in June next; and that his Excellency the President be desired to give the said Dr. Langdon seasonable notice thereof.

Sent up by Major Whitcomb.

The committee on the petition of Simon Willard,[1] and the Selectmen of Swanzey[2] Reported that the Town of Swanzey be allowed pay for Amasa Parker, a Soldier hired by said town, with the interest thereon, they paying the expense which has attended the serving the extent; and that the town of Winchester, be allowed pay in the same manner for Moses Powers, a Soldier, hired by them, and that the Treasurer govern himself agreeably thereto; signed Otis Baker for the committee; which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted, and that the said town of Winchester be allowed twenty pounds with the interest thereof from the time the said Powers was mustered.

Sent up by Major Whitcomb.

* 13 : 104 * The committee to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Martin and others,[3] in behalf of the town of Concord, alias Gunthwaite, Reported, That said town be credited for Josiah Pratt, a Continental Soldier in Hazzen's Regiment, the sum of sixty pounds, with the interest thereof, on the settlement of their account for deficiency of soldiers, and that the Treasurer take notice thereof and govern himself accordingly; signed Moses Chase for the committee; which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Mr. Plummer.

An act to vest the exclusive priviledge of keeping a ferry over a certain part of Connecticut-River, in Solomon Robbins,[4] his heirs and assigns, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Mr. Works.

The committee on the petition of the Selectmen of Hampton,

Reported, That the town of Hampton be allowed the sum of seventy-one pounds one shilling and eight pence, for interest due on the extent against said town for deficiency of soldiers; and the sum of twenty pounds and interest thereon, for the bounty of one Soldier, found by said town, and that the Treasurer govern himself accordingly; signed George Atkinson for the committee; which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Col. Bartlett.

An act to enable the Parishioners of the Episcopal Church of Queen's Chapel[5] in Portsmouth, to levy and assess the parochial taxes on the Pews in said Chapel, as well as on the Polls and

1. xiii. Ham. Town Papers, 529. 2. Idem, 528. 3. xii. Ham. Town Papers, 406.
4. xiii. Ham. Town Papers, 669. 5. xiii. Ham. Town Papers, 297.

Estate of said Parishioners, and to direct the mode of collecting the same, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Major Whitcomb and Col. Whipple.

An act to amend and relieve against a mistake made in the levy of an execution in favour of Jonathan Warner, Esq. against William Reeve and others, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Major Whitcomb and Col. Whipple.

* *Voted*, That the account of Daniel Humphreys, amount- * 13 : 105
ing to four pounds four shillings, be allowed and paid out of the Treasury by order of the President.

Sent up by Col. Bartlett.

The committee on the petition of the Inhabitants of Unity,

Reported, That the petition lay until the next session of the General-Court, and that no extent 'till then issue against the Inhabitants, that they [may] in the mean time have opportunity to return an inventory; signed Ebenezer Webster, for the committee; which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Col. Bartlett.

Voted, That Col. Hill, Col. Payne, and Col. Putnam, be a committee to consider of the petition of Gould French, and report thereon.

The committee to whom was referred a petition of Concord,[1] alias Gunthwait,

Reported, That said town be abated one half of all their taxes and apportionments up to the year 1779, and five sevenths for the years 1780, 1781, 1782, and 1783, and one fourth part of all taxes [and apportionments] from the last mentioned year until a new proportion shall take place: signed Francis Worster for the committee; which report being read and considered,

Resolved, That the same be received and accepted, and that the Selectmen of Concord, alias Gunthwait, be impowered and directed to assess and order to be collected, any sum of Money that may be due from said town, from the year 1775, to the year 1783, inclusively according to the foregoing report on the lands of the Proprietors of said town in the present year's tax; and that all extents for past taxes and requisitions be stayed until the first day of January next; and that said Selectmen are hereby impowered and directed to assess and order to be collected said tax or taxes to said Proprietors for said sum, in the same manner as the Law directs, for collecting taxes of Non-resident Proprietors, and that no account for building Forts and turning out in alarms, for a short time, be hereafter allowed to said town.

Sent up by Mr. Plummer.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

1. xii. Ham. Town Papers, 406.

*13:106 *FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 1786.

The House met according to adjournment.

Voted, That the account of Jesse Johnson, Esquire, amounting to one pound sixteen shillings, be allowed and paid out of the Treasury by order of the President. Sent up by Mr. McGregore.

Voted, That the account of John Calfe, Esq. amounting to five pounds ten shillings and four pence, be allowed and paid out of the Treasury by order of the President. Sent up by Mr. McGregore.

Voted, That Col. Gilman, Mr. McMurphy and Major Wallace, with such of the hon. Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the accounts of Daniel Fowle, Esq. and [also the account of] Mr. Robert Gerrish, Printers, and report thereon.

Sent up by Major Gains.

Whereas it appears to this House, that there was eight men raised by several towns, the latter end of the year 1782, and were passed muster by Major Caleb Robinson at Exeter, by permission of the Committee of Safety, and were delivered to the Continental Officers, as all other Soldiers were, in January 1783; and no bounty of twenty pounds has yet been allowed to said towns for the men aforesaid; and as the town of Hampton has been allowed the bounty for Levi Francis, of twenty pounds; and it being reasonable that all those towns should be allowed in like circumstances; Therefore,

Resolved, That the town of Chester be allowed for two men, viz. Thomas Downing & Charles Breed, and the Town of Pelham be allowed for two men viz. Nathaniel Martin and Samuel Brown; and the town of North-Hampton be allowed for Tristram S. Conor; and the town of Portsmouth for John Morss; and the town of Seabrook be allowed for Winthrop Willie, twenty pounds, each as a bounty for procuring said men, as fully as if they had been mustered in December 1782, any former Resolve to the contrary notwithstanding.

Sent up by Major Gains.

Voted, That the balance of the account of Mr. Benjamin Biggelow, amounting to fifteen pounds and two pence half-penny, be allowed and paid out of the Treasury by order of the President.

Sent up by Mr. Sparhawk.

*13:107 * *Voted*, That Mr. Benjamin Biggelow have and receive out of the Treasury, thirty pounds, for which he is to be accountable, as Agent Victualler to the troops at New-Castle, and that his Excellency the President give order accordingly.

Sent up by Mr. Sparhawk.

The committee on the petitions of sick and wounded Officers and Soldiers, having considered the petition of Joshua Bell, a disabled

Soldier, in Capt. Livermore's Company, [&] Col. Scammel's Regiment, in the late Army of the United States, Reported, That the said Joshua Bell, have and receive one half of his monthly pay, from the time his whole pay ceased, till further order of the General-Court, and that he be enrolled accordingly; signed M. Thornton, for the committee, which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Major Gains.

An act for altering the time of holding the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, holden by law on the first Tuesday in June annually, at Portsmouth, in and for the county of Rockingham, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

Sent up by Major Gains and Mr. Green.

Resolved, That the Selectmen of the several Towns, Districts, and Parishes, within this State, be and hereby are, required to make a return of all the Inhabitants within their respective Districts, to the Secretary of this State, on or before the second Wednesday in June next, (viz) the whole number of White and other free Citizens and Inhabitants, of every age, sex and condition, including those bound to servitude for a term of years, and also in a separate column or class, all other persons not comprehended in the foregoing description, except Indians not paying taxes. *Resolved*, That the Selectmen of any Town, District or Parish, who shall neglect their duty herein, shall forfeit and pay to the Treasurer [of this State] for the use of said State, the sum of five pounds.

Sent up by Mr. Sparhawk.

Voted, That the account of [Lieut.] David Bryant, amounting to one pound four shillings, be allowed and paid out of the Treasury by order of the President. Sent up by Mr. Jewett.

* *Voted*, That the account of John Sparhawk, Esq. * 13 : 108 amounting to five pounds seventeen shillings and seven pence, be allowed and paid out of the Treasury, by order of the President. Sent up by Mr. Jewett.

Voted, That the hon. John Taylor Gilman, Esq. Treasurer for this State, have and receive one hundred and fifty pounds for a Salary; seventy-five pounds for Responsibility of Office; and extra Expence for himself and Clerk, attending the General-Court from time to time; and sixty pounds as a Salary for his Clerk, from the 12th day of June 1785, to the 12th day of June 1786, which shall be considered in full for Office hire, fire wood, candles, &c. and that the President give order accordingly. Sent up by Mr. Jewett.

Voted, That the hon Ebenezer Thompson, Esq. have and receive out of the Treasury twenty pounds as a Salary, as Secretary for the

[this] State from June 1785 to June 1786, and that his Excellency the President give order accordingly. Sent up by Mr. Jewett.

Voted, That the hon. John Sullivan, Esq. have and receive out of the Treasury seventy-five pounds for doing the duty of Attorney General the year past, by the special appointment of the Superior-Court and Court of General Sessions, and that his Excellency the President give order accordingly. Sent up by Col. Gilman.

Voted, That the Treasurer be directed to attend the General-Court at Concord in June next, with such Books and Papers as may be necessary for transacting public business. Sent up by Mr. Jenness.

Voted, That the Clerk of this House, immediately after this [the] Session is ended, make out a fair copy of the Journals thereof, and deliver them to Mr. Fowle, and have them printed in Quarto as the Journals of Congress are usually done.

The committee on the petitions of sick and wounded Officers and Soldiers, having considered the petition of John McCoy, a Marine in the frigate Rawleigh, in the service of the
*13:109 *United States, in an action with the British ship of war Druid, received a wound which has rendered him incapable of getting a livelihood,

Reported, That the said John McCoy have and receive the one half of his monthly pay from the time his whole pay ceased, 'till further order of the General-Court, and that he be enrolled accordingly; signed M. Thornton, for the committee; which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Mr. Jenness.

The committee on the petition of Mr. Benjamin Dearborn, Reported, That the prayer thereof be granted, and that he have leave to bring in a bill accordingly, at this or the next session.

Sent up by Mr. Jenness.

Whereas a Resolve of this Court, which passed at the last session thereof, for establishing Posts in this State, is found insufficient to answer the good purposes thereby intended;

Therefore, *Resolved*, That the aforesaid Resolve respecting the establishment of Posts, passed the ninth day of November last, and every part and clause thereof be, and hereby are repealed.

And that the President and Council, for the time being, shall have full power and authority to agree with and appoint a Post-Master-General for this State, and direct him where to establish Post-Offices upon the roads hereafter mentioned, and to change such places where they may find it most convenient for the good subjects of this State; And they shall have liberty to agree with, and employ or direct the Post-Master-General to employ a proper number of Riders, so that News-Papers, Letters and Mails may be transported in the most

easy, safe and expeditious manner, to the various parts of the State, through the several towns following, viz. One Post to leave Portsmouth on Monday and proceed thro' Exeter, Nottingham, Concord and Plymouth to Haverhill, and Orford and Hanover, and from thence to return thro' Boscawen, Northfield and Canterbury to Epsom, thence to Newmarket and Portsmouth.

Another Post to set out from Portsmouth on Thursday, the next week, and proceed through Exeter, Kingston, Chester, Londonderry and Litchfield to Amherst, and to return
*through Dunstable, Salem, Plastow and Kingston to * 13 : 110
Portsmouth. The above two Posts to ride one week to
Hanover, and the next week to Amherst alternately. Another Post to receive the Mail at Amherst and proceed through Keene to Charlestown and return through Hillsborough to Amherst.

And another Mail to set out weekly, on Monday, from Portsmouth, and proceed through Stratham, Newmarket, Durham, Dover, Rochester, Wakefield and Ossippee to Conway, and to return through Tamworth, Moultonborough, Meredith, Gilmanton, Barnstead and Barrington to Portsmouth. *Resolved*, That one hundred pounds be and hereby is granted for the payment of the above Post-Riders; and the President and Council are impowered, from time to time, to affix the rate of postage of Letters. Sent up by Col. Wiggin.

Voted. That the Members of the hon. Senate and House of Representatives, and their Officers, have the same allowance for travel and attendance as at the last session of the General-Court, and that the Secretary and Clerk make up the respective rolls accordingly.
Sent up by Col. Wiggin.

Voted, That the Rev. Doctor Samuel Haven, and the Rev. Joseph Buckminster, have and receive out of the Treasury, three pounds to each of them, for their kind services as Chaplains to the General-Court the current year, and that the President give order accordingly.
Sent up by Col. Wiggin.

The committee on the petitions of sick and wounded Officers and Soldiers, having considered the petition of Solomon Todd, a disabled Soldier, late belonging to one of the New-Hampshire Regiments,

Reported, That the said Solomon Todd have and receive one half of his monthly pay, to commence at the time his whole pay, as a Soldier ceased, and to be continued till further order of the General-Court, and that he be enrolled as an invalid Pensioner [accordingly]; signed M. Thornton for the committee; which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted.
Sent up by Col. Wiggin.

*Adjourned to three o'clock, P. M. * 13 : 111

Met accordingly.

The committee on the petitions of sick and wouned Officers and Soldiers, having considered the petition of Josiah Powers, a disabled Soldier in one of the New-Hampshire Regiments,

Reported, That the said Josiah Powers, have and receive one half of his monthly pay, to commence at the time his whole pay, as a Soldier ceased, and to be continued till further order of the General-Court, and that he be enrolled as an invalid Pensioner accordingly; signed M. Thornton for the committee; which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Mr. Marsh.

An act for raising the sum of ten thousand pounds, for the use of this [said] State the present year, was read a third time and passed to be enacted. Sent up by Mr. Marsh and Mr. Plummer.

The committee on the petition of Col. Herculus Mooney, Reported, That the Officers and Soldiers, mentioned in the [said] petition, be allowed and paid their depreciation; signed George Atkinson for the committee; which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted, and that the committee on depreciation govern themselves accordingly.

Sent up by Col. Wiggin.

Voted, That the account of John Prentice, Esq. amounting to one pound fifteen shillings and three pence, be allowed and paid out of the Treasury by order of the President. Sent up by Col. Bartlett.

Upon reading and considering the petition of Abraham Libbey.

Voted, That the prayer thereof be so far granted, as that the fine be remitted. Sent up by Mr. Jenness.

Upon reading and considering the petition of Leban Gates, praying to be restored to his law in a certain case,

Voted, That the Petitioner be heard thereon before the General-Court on the third Wednesday of the next session thereof, and that in the mean time he cause that Ichabod Ormsbee mentioned in said petition, be served with a Copy thereof and order of Court thereon, that he may then appear and shew cause (if any he hath) why the prayer thereot may not be granted.

Sent up by Mr. Jenness.

* 13 : 112 *Adjourned to eight o'clock to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY, March 4, 1786.

The House met according to adjournment.

Upon reading and considering the petition of Reuben Libbey.

Voted, That the prayer thereof be so far granted, as that the Petitioner be paid for his services, if not already paid.

Sent up by Mr. E. Pickering.

Voted, That the account of [Col°] David Brewster, amounting to eighteen pounds four shillings and nine pence, be allowed and paid out of the Treasury by order of the President.

Sent up by Mr. E. Pickering.

Voted, That the account of George Gains, Esq. amounting to six pounds seventeen shillings, be allowed and paid out of the Treasury, by order of the President. Sent up by Mr. E. Pickering.

Resolved, [*Voted*,] That no Extents be issued against the towns of Littleton, Wendell and Dalton, until the next session of the General-Court. Sent up by Col. Hill.

Voted, That the account of John Williams, amounting to eight pounds one shilling, be allowed and paid out of the Treasury, by order of the President. Sent up by Col. Hill.

Voted, That his Excellency the President with advice of Council, be desired to adjourn the General-Court to the last Wednesday of May next, then to meet at Concord. Sent up by Col. Hill.

Voted, That the account of Daniel Fowle, Esq. amounting to three pounds, be allowed and paid out of the Treasury by order of the President. Sent up by Col. Hill.

Voted, That the hon. Joshua Wentworth, Esq. John Sparhawk and Thomas Martin, Esq'rs, be and hereby are appointed Commissioners on the part of this State, to meet such other Commissioners as shall be appointed by any other of the United States, for the Regulation of Commerce. Sent up by Mr. Jenness. [Maj^r Gains]

* *Voted*,[1] That Maj^r Gains, Col° Green & Col° Bartlett * 13 : 113 with such of the Honb^l Senate as they shall join be a Committee to Nominate a proper person to be appointed an Impost Officer in this State. Sent up by Mr Jenness.

The committee on the account of Daniel Fowle, Esq. [and Robert Gerrish, printers,]

Reported, That the said Daniel Fowle, have and receive out of the Treasury, the sum of twenty-six pounds sixteen shillings; and [the said] Robert Gerrish, the sum of ninety pounds, in full of their accounts, and that his Excellency the President [be desired to] give order accordingly; signed George Atkinson, for the committee; which report being read and considered,

Voted, That it be received and accepted.

Sent up by Col. Hill.

Voted, That Col. Joseph Whipple, be and hereby is appointed Im-

1. This vote occurs here in the manuscript.

post-Officer for this State, and that his Excellency the President is desired to Commission him accordingly. Sent up by Col. Hill.

The Secretary came down and gave information, that he was directed by his Excellency the President to inform the hon. House, that agreeably to the desire of both Houses, he had adjourned the General-Court, to the last Wednesday of [in] May next, then to meet at Concord.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

A REGISTER OF RESOLUTIONS AND ADVICE OF COUNCIL.

BEGUN AT THE FIRST SESSION IN JUNE, 1785.

PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL.

REGISTER OF RESOLUTIONS AND ADVICE.

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*1 P. & C. : 110 *PORTSMOUTH, June 14th 1875.

Present his Excellency John Langdon Esqr President, The Honble John Sullivan, Nathl Peabody, Matthew Thornton, Moses Dow, & Amos Shepard Esqrs Members of the Council.

His Excellency the Presidt asked the advice of Council relative to his drawing orders on the Treasury.

Upon which the Council Unanimously advised his Excellcy to issue his orders on the Treasurer agreable to all Acts, Resolves, & Votes that have been passed by the Legislature of said State, Authorizing the same.

Nathl Peabody.
M. Thornton.
Amos Shephard.
Jno Sullivan.
Moses Dow.[1]

*1 P. & C. : 111 *EXETER August 2d, 1785.

Present his Excellency the President & all the Council.

Capt. Ebenezer Sullivan having been nominated by the House of Asembly at their last Session as Surveyor for this State to assist in laying out the new States, but being done at the close of the Session, was by some means left incompleat, and the Necessity of having a person Immediately appointed for that business being Obvious The Council Advise, that his Excellency request our Delegates in Con-

1. Biographical Sketch, Bittinger's History of Haverhill, p. 254. See also Granite Monthly, Vol. 10, p. 229; Childs's Gaz. Grafton Co., 271.

gress to Nominate said Sullivan to Congress as the Surveyor for this State in the Room of Mr Nathaniel Adams who has declined.

Nathl Peabody
Jno Sullivan
Moses Dow
Amos Shephard
M. Thornton

The President with Advice of Council proceeded to Nominate Sundry persons for Offices, both civil and Military as follows viz.

The Honbl John Sherburne Esqr of Portsmouth for a Justice of the Peace & of the Quorum throughout the State Oliver Whipple Esqr of Portsmouth and Jesse Johnson of Hampstead for Justices of the peace for the County of Rockingham.

William Harper, and Joshua Foss Esqrs, for Justices of the peace for the County of Strafford.

* 1 P. & C. : 112 * Nenian Aiken, Esqr of Deering, Timothy Gibson Esqr of Heneker, Levi Spaulding Esqr of Lyndborough, Matthew Wallace Esqr of Peterborough, and Augustus Blanchard, Esqr of Amherst for Justices of the peace for the County of Hillsborough.

Roger Gilmore Esqr of Jaffrey, Josiah Stevens Esqr of Newport, Edward Jewett Esqr of Rindge, Jonathan Arnold Esqr of Winchester & Reuben Alexander Esqr of Winchester Justices of the peace for the County of Cheshire.

Charles Johnstone Esqr for a Justice of the Quorum for the County of Grafton.

Samuel Todd Esqr of Orford, Edmund Shattuck Esqr of Cockermouth, Ebenr Green Esqr of Lime for Justices of the Peace for the County of Grafton.

Nathaniel Adams Esqr of Portsmouth for a Notary Public.

Luther Ames of Keen for a Coroner for the County of Cheshire James Gould of Hanover for a Coroner for the County of Grafton —

* 1 P. & C. : 113 * Bezal Woodward for second Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas for the County of Grafton.

James Woodward for 3d Justice of the aforesaid Court Ezekiel Ladd for 4th Justice of said Court.

Samuel Penhallow Esqr of Portsmouth & Jeremiah Gilman Esqr of Plastow in the County of Rockingham John McDuffee of Rochester, & Caleb Hodgdon of Dover in the County of Strafford, Joseph Symonds of Hillsborough & Joshua Bayley of Hopkintown in the County of Hillsborough, Calvin Frink of Swanzey, and Jonathan Ar-

nold of Winchester in the County of Cheshire, Moses Baker of Campton & Joseph Senter of Plymouth in the County of Grafton, Special Justices of the Superior Court of Judicature.

Benjamin Stone of Atkinson and John Bell of Londonderry Special Justices of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas for the County of Rockingham.

Joseph Sias of Lee John Waldron of Dover & John Smith the 3d of Durham for Special Justices of the Inferior Court of Common pleas for the County of Strafford.

Augustus Blanchard of Amherst for a Special Justice of the Inferior Court of common pleas for the County of Hillsborough.

* Thomas Baker of Keene, & Absolam Kingsbury of Alstead for Special Justices of the Inferior Court of common pleas for the County of Cheshire. * 1 P. & C. : 114

Jeremiah Eames of Northumberland and Joshua Copp of Warren for Special Justices of the Inferior Court of Common pleas for the County of Grafton.

George Reid Esqr of Londonderry for a Brigadier General of the Militia.

Jonathan Wentworth Esqr of Somersworth for Leuitt Colonel of the Second Regiment of Militia.

David Place Esqr of Rochester for Major of the second Regiment of Militia.

John Bellows Esqr of Walpole for Colonl of the Second Regiment of Light Horse.

Peter Green Esqr of Concord for Leiutenant Colonel of the Second Regiment of light Horse.

Joseph Hutchins Esqr of Haverhil for Major of the Second Regiment of light Horse.

Thomas Thompson Esqr of Portsmouth for Colonel of the Regiment of Artillery.

James Hackett Esqr of Exeter for Leiutt Colonel of the Regiment of Artillery.

Caleb Hodgdon Esqr of Dover for second Leut Colo of sd Regiment.

Samuel Atkinson of Boscawen for Major of said Regiment.

* Samuel Young Esqr of Concord Alias Gunthwait for Second Major of said Regiment of Artillery. * 1 P. &C. : 115

Meshech Bell Junr of New Castle for Captain of the Fort at said New Castle.

Advised by Jno Sullivan
Nathl Peabody
Amos Shephard
Moses Dow

The President with advise of Council further proceeded and Nominated

Moses Dow Esqr for a Brigadier General of the Militia.

Josiah Dearborn Esqr of Hampton Second Major of the Third Regiment of Militia.

John Dennett Esqr of Portsmouth for Major of the first Regiment of Militia.

Joseph Parsons of Rye for Second Major of the first Regt. of Militia.

Jno Sullivan
Nathl Peabody
Amos Shephard

August 3^{d} 1775 Present his Excellency the President & all the Council.

* 1 P. & C. : 116 * The President asked the Advice of Council Relative to his giving orders for firing Salutes, &c on which Question the Council advised that his Excellency give orders for firing Salutes, hoisting Coulers &c at the Fort, & in the Harbour on particular occasions for commemorating Anniversary National events, or in Honour of dignified Strangers, or otherwise as to him may seem proper.

Nathl Peabody
Jno Sullivan
Moses Dow
Amos Shephard

August 4th 1785, Present His Excellency the President & all the Council.

Several Matters under consideration.

* 1 P. & C. : 117 * EXETER August 10th 1785

Present his Excellency the President & all the Council.

Appointed the persons hereafter named to Offices civil & Military — viz —

The Honble John Sherburne Esqr of Portsmouth a Justice of the peace & of the Quorum throughout the state.

Oliver Whipple Esqr of Portsmouth, and Jesse Johnson Esqr of Hampstead Justices of the peace for the County of Rockingham.

William Harper Esqr of Sandborntown and Joshua Foss Esqr of Barrington Justices of the peace for the County of Strafford.

Nenian Aiken Esqr of Deering, Timothy Gibson Esqr of Henneker, Levi Spaulding Esqr of Lyndeborough, Matthew Wallace Esqr of Peterborough and Augustus Blanchard of Amherst, Justices of the peace for the County of Hillsborough.

* Nathaniel Adams Esqr of Portsmouth a Notary * 1 P. & C.: 118
Public.

Luther Ames Esqr of Keene a Coroner for the County of Cheshire.

James Gould Esqr of Hanover a Coroner for the County of Grafton.

Beza^l Woodward Esqr of Hanover second Justice of the Inferior Court of Common pleas for the County of Grafton.

James Woodward Esqr of Haverhil third Justice of afors^d Court —

Ezekiel Ladd, Esqr of Haverhil fourth Justice of said Court.

Samuel Penhallow Esqr of Portsmouth & Jeremiah Gilman Esqr of Plastow, in the County of Rockingham, John McDuffee Esqr of Rochester, and Caleb Hodgdon Esqr of Dover in the County of Strafford Joseph Symonds Esqr of Hillsborough & Joshua Bayley Esqr of Hopkintown in the County of Hillsborough, Calvin Frink Esqr of Swanzey & Jon^a Arnold Esqr of Winchester in the County of Cheshire, Moses Baker Esqr of Campton and Joseph Senter Esqr of Plymouth in the County of Grafton, Special Justices of the Superior Court of Judicature.

Benjamin Stone Esqr of Atkinson and John Bell Esqr of Londonderry Special Justices of Inferior Court of common pleas for the County of Rockingham.

* Joseph Sias Esqr of Lee John Waldron Esqr of * 1 P. & C.: 119
Dover & John Smith 3^d Esqr of Durham Special
Justices of the Inferior Court of Common pleas for the County of Strafford

Augustus Blanchard Esqr a Special Justice of the Inferior Court of common pleas for the County of Hillsborough.

Thomas Baker Esqr of Keen and Absolam Kingsbury Esqr of Alstead Special Justices of the Inferior Court of common pleas for the County of Cheshire.

Jeremiah Eames Esqr of Northumberland and Joshua Copp Esqr of Warren Special Justices of the Inferior Court of Common pleas in the County of Grafton —

George Reid Esqr of Londonderry a Brigadier General of the Militia.

Jonathan Wentworth Esqr of Somersworth Leiu^t Colonel of the second Regiment of Militia.

David Place Esqr of Rochester Major of the second Regiment of Militia.

John Bellows Esqr of Walpole Colonel of the second Regiment of light Horse.

Peter Green Esqr of Concord Leiutenant-Colonel of the second Regiment of light Horse.

Joseph Hutchins Esqr of Haverhil Major of the Second Regiment of light Horse.

* 1 P. & C.: 120 * Thomas Thompson Esqr of Portsmouth Colonel of the Regiment of Artillery.

James Hacket Esqr of Exeter Leiut^t Colonel of the Rigiment of Artillery.

Caleb Hodgdon Esqr of Dover second Leiu^t Col^o of the Artillery.

Samuel Atkinson Esqr of Boscawen Major of the Regiment of Artillery —

Samuel Young Esqr of Concord Alias Gunthwait second Major of the Regiment of Artillery.

Meshech Bell Junr of New Castle Captain of the Fort at said New Castle.

Josiah Dearborn Esqr of Hampton second Major of the Third Regiment of Militia.

Advised by Jno Sullivan
Nathl Peabody
Moses Dow
Amos Shephard

August 11th 1785 — Present as Yesterday.

The President with advice of Council further proceeded and Appointed Moses Dow Esqr of Haverhil a Brigadier General of the Militia. John Dennett Esqr of Portsmouth Major of the first Regiment of Militia.

* 1 P. & C.: 121 * Joseph Parsons Esqr of Rye second Major of the first Regiment of Militia.

Jno Sullivan
Nathl Peabody
Amos Shephard

August 12th 1785 — Present as Yesterday.

Capt Ebenezer Sullivan having signified to the president & Council by Jno Sullivan Esqr that he shall decline Accepting the Appointment of Surveyor to assist in laying out the new States.

Therefore the Council advise his Excellency to Inform our Delegates in Congress as Mr Edward Dowse has been Recommended by his Excellency Governor Bowdoin & the Geographer of the united States as a person quallified, they have no objection to their nominating him or any other person to Congress for that Business as will in their opinion be most likely to serve the interest of this & the other of the united States.

Advised by — Jno Sullivan
Moses Dow
Amos Shephard.

* 1 P. & C.: 122 * August 13th 1785 Present as Yesterday.

His Excellency the President requested the advice

of the Council respecting his authority to direct the Masters of Vessels coming into the port of Piscataqua to wait on him with their papers immediately on their arrival. —

The Council gave it as their opinion that His Excellency as Admiral & Commander in Chief of the Navy has a constitutional right to order all Masters & Commanders of vessels coming into any port in this State to attend upon him with their papers upon their arrival, and advise him to exercise that authority whenever he may judge necessary.

Advised by — Jn° Sullivan
Nathl Peabody
Moses Dow
Amos Shephard.

The President with advice of Council direct the Committee for Settling the Amounts of this State with Mr Gorham Commissioner appointed in behalf of the united States to employ a clerk or clerks agreeably to the Vote of the General Court of the 24th of June last, to assist them in drawing out & Stating the Account of this State against the united States. And that the Committee proceed to Settle said accounts with the Commissioner as soon as possible leaving such of the particular Matters in dispute between them which have been Stated to the President & Council & which they cannot agree upon For further * directions. * 1 P. & C.: 123

Advised by

John Sullivan
Nathl Peabody
Moses Dow
Amos Shephard

September 6th 1785 — Pursuant to direction of his Excellency the President for the Council to meet him at Portsmouth —

Present his Excellency the President & the Hon^ll John Sullivan & Matthew Thornton Esq^rs of the Council

7th Present as Yesterday.

8th Present as Yesterday waiting for the other Members of Council.

The President Received a Letter from Mr Peabody Informing that his health was such he could not Attend the Council

*{L. S.} State of New Hampshire. * 1 P. & C.: 124
By His Excellency John Langdon Esquire President of the State of New Hampshire.

It having been made to appear to me, that Diederick Leertouwer hath been duly recognized by the United States of America, in

Congress assembled, as Consul of their High Mightinesses the States General of the United Netherlands, for the States of New Hampshire & Massachusetts, to reside at Boston.

I do therefore, by and with Advice of Council, by these presents, make known to all concerned, that the privileges, pre-eminence and authority legally belonging to the character and quality of the Consul as aforesaid, are due to the said Diederick Leertouwer within the Jurisdiction of this State, and that I have ordered this Exequatur, or Notification of his quality to be recorded in the Secretary's Office.

Given under my hand & the Seal of the State, this seventh day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & eighty five, and in the tenth year of the Independence of the united States of America. John Langdon.

By His Excellency's Command

Joseph Pearson, Dep^ty Sec^y

* 1 P. & C. : 125 *Concord, October 22^d, 1785.

Present his Excellency the President, the Honble John Sullivan, Nathl Peabody, & Amos Shephard Esq^rs of the Council.

Nominated the persons hereafter named for Officers Civil & Military as respectively Set down viz.

David George of Concord, James Aiken of Londonderry Wentworth Cheswill of New Market, for Coroners in the County of Rockingham —

Neal McIntire of Portsmouth, for a surveyor of Flax seed.

Doc^tr John Jackson of Portsmouth for an Assay Master of Pot Ash & Pearl Ash —

Benjamin Sias Esqr of Loudon, Jeremiah Bryent Esqr of New Market, for Justices of the Peace in the County of Rockingham.

John Waldron Esqr of Dover, and James Brackett Esqr of Lee for Justices of the peace in the County of Strafford.

John Wheatley Esqr of Lebanon for a Justice of the peace in the County of Grafton.

Daniel Gould of Lyndborough for a Coroner in the County of Hillsborough.

Elijah Frink of Lempster in the County of Cheshire for a Justice of the peace in that County.

Timothy Emerson of Durham for Second Major of the Second Regiment of Militia.

Jeremiah Fogg Esqr of Kensington for Adjutant General of the Militia.

*George Aldrich, for Colonel of the 21st Regiment. * 1 P. & C.: 126
Joseph Burt, for Lieutenant Col° of Ditto, Jonathan
Smith for Major of D° Ebenezer Britton for 2d Major of D°
Davenport Phelps for Major of the 2d Regiment of light Horse.
To which nominations the subscribers did advise and Consent.

Jn° Sullivan
Nathl Peabody
Amos Shephard
Moses Dow

On the same day proceeded and Nominated
James Betton Esqr of Windham for a Justice of the peace in the County of Rockingham Richard Cutts Shannon, for a Justice of the peace in the County of Hillsborough.
Jonathan Blanchard Esqr for a Brigadier General of the Militia.
To which nominations the Subscribers did advise and Consent.

Jn° Sullivan
Moses Dow
Amos Shephard

* Further proceeded and nominated *1 P. & C.: 127
Amos Shepard Esqr of Alstead for a Justice of the peace, in the County of Cheshire.

Nathl Peabody
Jn° Sullivan
Moses Dow

Further proceeded and nominated
Enoch Sawyer Esqr of Goffstown for a Justice of the peace in the County of Hillsborough.

Jn° Sullivan
Moses Dow
Amos Shephard

Further proceeded and Nominated
Amos Cogswell for Colonel of the first Regimt of light Horse.
William Brewster for Leiut Coll of sd Regt
Jona Cass for Major of said Regiment.

Advised by Nathl Peabody
Jn° Sullivan
Moses Dow
Amos Shephard

* Concord November 3d 1785. * 1 P. & C. 128

Present his Excellency the President and all the Council. In pursuance to the foregoing Nominations the following appointments were made, viz.

David George of Concord, James Aiken of Londonderry, and Wentworth Cheswell of New Market Coroners for the County of Rockingham.

Neal McIntire of Portsmouth, surveyor of Flaxseed.

Doct^r John Jackson of Portsmouth Assay Master of Pot Ash & Pearl Ash.

Benjamin Sias Esqr of Loudon, & Jeremiah Bryent Esqr of New Market Justices of the peace for the County of Rockingham.

John Waldron Esqr of Dover, James Brackett Esqr of Lee Justices of the peace for the County of Strafford.

John Wheatley Esqr of Lebanon a Justice of the peace for the County of Grafton.

Daniel Gould of Lyndborough a Coroner for the County of Hillsborough.

Elijah Frink of Lempster a Justice of the peace for the County of Cheshire.

Timothy Emerson of Durham, Second Major of the Second Regim^t of Militia.

* 1 P. & C.: 129 * Jeremiah Fogg Esqr of Kensington Adjutant General of the Militia.

George Aldrich of Westmoreland, Colonel of the Twenty first Regiment of Militia

Joseph Burt of Westmorland, Leiut^t Col^o of Ditto.

Jonathan Smith of Surry Major of said regiment.

Ebenezer Britton of Westmorland Second Major of said Regiment.

Davenport Phelps of Orford Major of the Second Regiment of light Horse.

To which appointments the Subscribers did advise & consent.

Jno Sullivan
Nathl Peabody
Moses Dow
Amos Shephard

Further proceeded and Appointed

James Betton Esqr of Windham a Justice of the peace for the County of Rockingham.

Richard Cutts Shannon Esqr a Justice of the peace for the County of Hillsborough.

Jonathan Blanchard Esqr a Brigadier General of the Militia.

To which Appointments the Subscribers did Advise & Consent.

Jno Sullivan
Moses Dow
Amos Shephard

* Further proceeded & appointed * 1 P. & C. : 130

Amos Shepard Esqr of Alstead, a Justice of the peace for the County of Cheshire.

Jno Sullivan
Nathl Peabody
Moses Dow

Further proceeded and Appointed

Enoch Sawyer Esqr of Goffstown a Justice of the peace for the County of Hillsborough.

Jno Sullivan
Moses Dow
Amos Shephard

At Concord, October 31st 1785 Present his Excellency the President, Mr Sullivan, Mr Peabody, Mr Thornton, Mr Dow and Mr Sheppard. The following Nominations were made —

Samuel Douglass of Raby, a Coroner for the County of Hillsborough.

Henry Gerrish Esq who was appointed Colonel of the 22^{d} Reg^{t} of Militia came before the President and Council and resigned the Command of said Regiment, which resignation is accepted.

Nominated Ebenezer Webster Colonel of the 22^{d} Regiment.

Joshua Bayley Esqr Lieut^{t} Col^{l} of said Regiment, Robert Wallace Esqr Major of said Regiment, Enoch Gerrish Esqr Second Major of said Regiment.

Moses Dow
Amos Shephard
M. Thornton

* Novem^{r} 4th 1785 Present his Excell^{cy} the Pres- * 1 P. & C. : 131
id^{t} and all the Council.

Appointed Amos Cogswell Esqr of Dover Colonel of the first Regiment of light Horse.

William Brewster Esqr of Portsmouth Lieu^{t} Colonel of s^{d} Regiment.

Jonathan Cass Esqr of Exeter Major of said Regiment.

Advised by Jno Sullivan
Nathl Peabody
Moses Dow
Amos Shephard

November 7th 1785 Present his Excellency the President, Mr Peabody, Mr Thornton, Mr. Sheppard and Mr Dow, appointed Samuel Douglass Esqr of Raby a Coroner for the County of Hillsborough. Ebenezer Webster Esq appointed Colonel of the 22^{d} Rigiment and Joshua Bayley Esquire Lieut^{t} Colonel of said Regiment.

Novem^{r} 8th 1785 Present as before

Robert Wallace Esqr Appointed Major of the 22^{d} Regiment and Enoch Gerrish Esqr Second Major of said Reg^{t}

Moses Dow
Amos Shephard
M. Thornton.

* 1 P. & C. : 133 * CONCORD Novr 9th 1785.

Present His Excellency the President and the Honorable Matthew Thornton, Nathl Peabody, Moses Dow and Amos Shephard Esq^{rs}

His Excellency the President requested the Advice of Council relative to drawing Orders on the Treasurer in favor of Delegates or any other persons —

Upon which the Council unanimously advised his Excellency to issue his Orders on the Treasurer agreeable to all Acts, Resolves & Votes passed by the Legislature of this State authorizing the same—

M. Thornton
Nathl Peabody
Amos Shephard
Moses Dow

* 1 P. & C. : 134 * STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.
[L. S.]

By His Excellency John Langdon Esqr President of the State of New Hampshire —

It having been made to appear to me, that the Sieur Ducher is appointed by his Most Majesty as agent (during the absence of M. Toscan) to discharge the functions of Vice Consul at Portsmouth.

I do therefore by and with advice of Council by these presents, make known to all concerned that the privileges, pre-eminence & authority legally belonging to the Character and quality of Vice Consul (during the absence of M. Toscan aforesaid) are due to the said within the Jurisdiction of this State & that I have caused this Exequatur or Notification of his quality to be recorded in the Secretary's Office —

Given under my hand & the Seal of the State this eleventh day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & Eighty six & in the tenth year of the Independence of the United States of America — John Langdon.

By His Excellency's Command. E. Thompson Esq.

* 1 P. & C. : 135 * PORTSMOUTH Feby 13th 1786.

Present his Excellency and all the Council. The Council advise his Excellency the President to request the opinion of the two

branches of the legislature, whether the seat of the Chief Justice, is become vacant by his accepting a Commission under the Authority of this State as a Delegate to the Congress of the United States.

M. Thornton
Jn° Sullivan
Moses Dow
Amos Shephard

PORTSMOUTH Feb^ry 13th, 1786.

Present his Excellency the President & all the Council.

Nominated Nathaniel Dudley of Raymond for a Justice of the peace for the County of Rockingham.

Andrew McMillan Esqr of Conway for a Justice of the peace for the County of Strafford.

also James Carr Esqr and John Rollins Esqr for Justices of the peace for the County of Strafford.

Samuel Douglass Esqr of Raby, Simeon Cummings Esqr of Merrimac, Aaron Greely Esqr of Hopkinton John Orr Esqr of Bedford & Benjamin Wadley Esqr of Sutton for Justices of the peace for the County of Hillsborough.

Alexander Parkman Esqr of Marlboro', Henry Ingalls Esqr of Richmond, Joseph Rounseval Esqr of Washington, Elijah Grout Esqr of Charlestown for Justices of the peace for the County of Cheshire.

Ebenezer Hoit Esqr of Grafton for a Justice of the peace for the County of Grafton.

* John Morrison of Windham & Samuel Chamberlin of Loudon for Coroners for the County of Rockingham. * 1 P. & C. : 136

Josiah Main of Rochester for a Coroner for the County of Strafford.

John Colburn Junr of Lebanon for a Coroner for the County of Grafton.

Samuel Buss of Jeffrey for a Coroner for the County of Cheshire.

Joshua Howard Esqr of Haverhil for Colonel of the 13th Regiment.

Azariah Webb Esqr of Piermont for Leiut^t Colonel of Ditto.

Obadiah Clement Esqr of Warren for a Major of Ditto.

The foregoing nominations advised by

M. Thornton
Nathl Peabody
Moses Dow
Amos Shephard
Jn° Sullivan

His Excellency, with Advice of Council, further proceeded and nominated

The Hon Woodbury Langdon Esq a Justice of the Superior Court.

Jonathan P. Whitcomb first Major of the 6th Regiment of Militia.

Major Alexdr Craige of Rumney for a Justice of the peace for the County of Grafton.

Capt Abraham Burnham of Rumney for a Coroner for the County of Grafton. Advised by M. Thornton
Amos Shephard
Nathl Peabody

* 1 P. & C. : 137 * At a Council holden at Portsmouth Feby 18th 1786, Present his Excellency & all the Council —

Nominated Joshua Weeks of Greenland for a Justice of the peace for the County of Rockingham. Advised by M. Thornton
Amos Shephard
Moses Dow

further proceeded & nominated Daniel Rindge of Portsmo for a Justice of the Peace & of the Quorum thro' the State.

Joseph Peirce of New Durham Gore for a Justice of the peace for the County of Strafford.

Nathan Young of Grantham for a Justice of the peace for the County of Cheshire.

Samuel Hale of Barrington for second Major of the second Regiment of Militia.

Samuel Works of Westmorland for a Justice of the Peace for the County of Cheshire. M. Thornton
Amos Shephard
Nathl Peabody
Jno Sullivan.

Further proceeded & nominated

Nathan Hoit of Wolfboro for a Justice of the Peace for the County of Strafford. John Shepard of Amherst for do for the County of Hillsboro. Joseph Demerit & Jona Clark of Northwood for Justices of the peace for the County of Rockingham. Ebenezer Hunting of New London for a Coroner for the County of Hillsboro. Amos Shepard for Col. of 16th Regt Militia. Josiah Goldsmith Lieut. Col of do. Silas Wright for Majr of do. Timo Fletcher for 2d Majr of do. John Prentice of Londonderry for a Justce Peace for County of Rockingham. Benjamin West of Charlestown for a Justice of the peace and of the Quorum for the County of Cheshire — Samuel Wilkins of Amherst for a Justice of the peace for the County of Hillsboro. John Fairfield of Lime for a Coroner for the County of Graf-

ton & Timothy Taylor of Merrimac for a Justice of the peace for the County of Hillsbor°.

Moses Dow
Jn° Sullivan
Nath[l] Peabody

* PORTSMOUTH Feb[ry] 20th 1786. * 1 P. & C. :138

Present all the Council — appointed,

Nathaniel Dudley Esq[r] of Raymond a Justice of the peace for the County of Rockingham.

Andrew M[c]Millan Esq[r] James Carr Esq[r] and John Rollins Esq[r] Justices of the peace for the County of Strafford.

Samuel Douglass Esq[r], Aaron Greeley Esq[r] Simeon Cummings Esq[r] John Orr, Esq[r] and Benjamin Wadley Esq[r] Justices of the peace for the County of Hillsborough.

Alexander Parkman Esq[r] Henry Ingalls Esq[r] Joseph Rounsevil Esq[r] and Elijah Grout Esq[r] Justices of the Peace for the County of Cheshire —

Ebenezer Hoit Esq[r] a Justice of the Peace for the County of Grafton.

John Morrisson Esq[r] and Samuel Chamberlin Esq[r] Coroners for the County of Rockingham —

Josiah Main of Rochester a Coroner for the County of Strafford.

John Colburn Jun[r] a Coroner for the County of Grafton.

Samuel Buss a Coroner for the County of Cheshire.

Joshua Howard Esq[r] Colonel of the 13th Regiment—Azariah Webb Esq[r] Leiu[t] Colonel of Ditto. Obadiah Clement Esq[r] Major of Ditto.

Advised by M. Thornton
Nath[l] Peabody
Moses Dow
Amos Shephard
John Sullivan

*At a Council holden at Portsmouth Feb 25th 1786 * 1 P. & C. :139

Present His Excellency & Council except Gen[l] Sullivan and appointed

The Hon. Woodbury Langdon Esq a Justice of the Superior Court.

M. Thornton
Amos Shephard
Nath[l] Peabody
Moses Dow

further proceeded and appointed Joshua Weeks of Greenland a Justice of the peace for the County of Rockingham.

M. Thornton
Amos Shephard
Moses Dow

At a Council holden at Portsmouth Feby 27th 1786, Present his Excellency the President, The Hon M. Thornton A Shephard, N. Peabody, Moses Dow.

proceeded & appointed Jonathan P. Whitcomb first Major of the 6th Regiment of Militia.

Maj^{r} Alexander Craige a Justice of the peace for the County of Grafton & Capt. Abraham Burnham of Rumney for a Coroner for the County of Grafton.

Daniel Rindge Esq a Justice of the peace & of the Quorum throughout the State — Joseph Peirce of New Durham Gore a Justice of the Peace for the County of Strafford. — Nathan Young of Grantham a Justice of the Peace for the County of Cheshire — Samuel Hale of Barrington 2^{d} Maj^{r} of 2^{d} Reg^{t} of Militia, & Samuel Works of Westmorland a Justice of the Peace for the County of Cheshire.

M. Thornton
Amos Shephard
Nathl Peabody
Moses Dow
Jno Sullivan

* 1 P. & C. : 140 * At a Council holden at Portsm^{o} March 1st 1786 present His Excellency and all the Council.

His Excellency with Advice of Council proceeded and appointed,

Nathan Hoit of Moultonborough a Justice of the Peace for the County of Strafford — John Shepard of Amherst a Justice of the Peace for the County of Hillsborough — Joseph Demerit & Jonathan Clark of Northwood Justices of the peace for the County of Rockingham, Ebenezer Hunting of New London a Coroner for the County of Hillsborough Amos Shepard a Col^{o} of the 16th Reg^{t} of Militia. Josiah Goldsmith a Lieut Col^{o} of d^{o}. Silas Wright a Maj^{r} of d^{o}, and Timothy Fletcher a second Maj^{r} of d^{o}

Advised by Moses Dow
Jno Sullivan
Nathl Peabody.

Further proceeded and appointed,

John Prentice Esqr of Londonderry a Justice of the Peace for the County of Rockingham.

Moses Dow
Jno Sullivan
Nathl Peabody

Further proceeded & appointed,

Benjamin West of Charlestown a Justice of the peace & of the Quorum for the County of Cheshire.

* 1 P. & C. : 141 Samuel Wilkins of Amherst a Justice of * the peace for the County of Hillsborough John Fairfield of

Lime a Coroner for the County of Grafton and Timothy Taylor a Justice of the peace for the County of Hillsborough.

Moses Dow
Jno Sullivan
Nath[l] Peabody

At a Council holden at Portsmouth Febr[y] 27 1786, Present His Excellency the President The Hon. M. Thornton, A. Shepard, & N. Peabody Esq. Counsellors —

Nominated Robert Means of Amherst for a Justice of the peace for the County of Hillsborough

Jn[o] Sullivan
Nath[l] Peabody
M. Thornton.
Amos Shephard

At a Council holden at Portsmouth March 6th 1786 present His Excellency the President, The Hon Matthew Thornton Gen[l] Sullivan Gen[l] Peabody & Col Shepard Esq[rs] Appointed

Robert Means of Amherst Esq. a Justice of the peace for the County of Hillsborough. M[r] Jeremiah Libbey Postmaster General for this State.

Jn[o] Sullivan
Nath[l] Peabody
M. Thornton
Amos Shephard

* Portsmouth March 6, 1786 * 1 P. & C.: 142

To Jeremiah Libbey

Sir; His Excellency the President with Advice of Council having appointed you Postmaster General for said State, You are hereby requested to put the several Posts in motion through this State as soon as possible, as far as circumstances will admit agreeably to a Resolve of said State passed March 4, 1786 To the above the Council did advise & consent.

M. Thornton
Nath[l] Peabody
Amos Shephard

Exeter May 18th.

Present his Excellency The Hon[ble] Matthew Thornton, Nathaniel Peabody & Amos Shepherd Esq[rs] of the Council —

This being the day appointed to hear Leiu[t] Col[o] Jeremiah Gilman on the Subject Matter of the address of both Houses of the Legislature to the Pres[t] & Council moving for said Gilman to be dismissed from the Civil offices he holds under the State for reasons set forth in said Address —

Col[o] Gilman appeared and it was agreed to put over the hearing till to Morrow 10 °clock A M

proceeded and nominated Isaac Temple of Alstead for a Coroner for the County of Cheshire; John Weeks of Greenland for a Coroner for the County of Rockingham, & Sam[l] Fowler of Boscawen was nominated Feb. 25 last for a Justice of the peace for the County of Hillsbor° omitted thro mistake —

M. Thornton
Jn° Sullivan
Amos Shephard

* 1 P. & C. : 143 * May 19th 1786 — Present as Yesterday —

Leut Col° Gilman appeared and after a full hearing of his defence there being but Three of the Council present agreed that the determination of the Subject of said Address lay for consideration until the Sixth day of June at Concord where the Council is Summoned to attend. Spent the remainder of the day in making out lists of Votes returned for Senators —

Adjourned till Monday next 10 oClock A M

May 22[d] 1786 Present as last Week & proceeded on Entering the returned Votes for Senators.

His Excellency the President informed the Council that the Rev[d] D[r] Langdon who was Appointed by the General Court to preach the Next Election Sermon by Accident had fractured his Thigh which would render him incapable of performing that Service, and Asked the advice of Council relative to the appointment of some other person to Preach said Sermon. To which the subscribers advised that his Excellency would desire the Rev[d] Doc[t] Sam[l] Haven to prepare a Sermon & to Attend & preach the Same before the General Court at Concord on the thursday next following

* 1 P. & C. : 144 * the first Wednesday in June next—and in case Doc[t] Haven should decline that then his Excellency request the Rev[d] M[r] Buckminister to perform that Service.

M. Thornton
Amos Shephard
Nath[l] Peabody

May 23[d] 1786 present as yesterday.

The following persons appointed Surveyors of Lumber agreably to an Act of this State passed June 21st 1785, viz

For Portsmouth	John Beck Samuel Briard Sam[ll] Hutchins
Dover	Benjamin Pierce Thomas Shannon David Folsom
Durham	John Smith 3[d] Esq[r] Samuel Yeaton

New Market { Walter Bryent Esqr
William Odiorne

Exeter { Simeon Ladd
James Rundlett
Eph^r Robinson
Nathl Giddinge jun^r

*Somersworth { John Rollins Esq * 1 P. & C. : 145

Advised by M. Thornton
Nathl Peabody
Amos Shephard

At a Council held at Concord on the 6th of June 1786, Present His Excellency John Langdon Esq President The Hon. John Sullivan, Matthew Thornton & Amos Shephard Esquires.

Col Jeremiah Gilman having been notified agreeably to a Resolve of Council of the 3^d of March last to appear at Exeter on the 18th day of May last to show cause if any he had, why he should not be removed from the Offices of Justice of the peace and Special Justice of the peace Superior Court agreeably to an Address of both Branches of the Legislature and the said Gilman having appeared agreeable to notification at Exeter on said 18th day of May and being fully & the Determination thereof postponed to this day, His Excellency the President asked the Council whether they would consent, that the said Gilman should be removed from holding the Offices of a Justice of the peace and Special Justice of the Superior Court Agreeably to said Address of the two Houses and be notified thereof by him accordingly, which is consented by us,

M. Thornton
Amos Shephard
Jno Sullivan

CONCORD June 7th 1786.

This day the resignation of Jeremiah Gilman Esq was delivered to his Excellency the President by the hands of Col Joseph Welch dated June 3^d 1786.

* His Excellency the President and three of the * 1 P. & C. : 146
Council in pursuance of foregoing nominations made
the following appointments vizt

Isaac Temple of Alstead a Coroner for the County of Cheshire; John Weeks of Greenland a Coroner for the County of Rockingham and Samuel Fowler of Boscawen a Justice of the peace for the County of Hillsbor^o.

Advised by M. Thornton
Jno Sullivan
Amos Shephard

At a Council holden as aforesaid,

His Excellency the President requested the Advice of Council relative to making provision for the gentlemen of the Clergy who may attend the Election ;

Whereupon the Council advise His Excellency that a Dinner be provided at the public Expence on Thursday next for the gentlemen of the Clergy, who may think proper to attend the Election — And that the President, Council & Speaker of the House with such other Members from the two Branches as they shall think proper, dine in Company with the Clergy, the Expense of which to be defrayed as the two Branches may think proper to order.

Agreeably to the above advice, Mr Honeyford was desired to provide a Dinner for fifty persons on Thursday next —

M. Thornton
Jno Sullivan
Amos Shephard

*1 P. & C. : 147 *PRESIDENT & COUNCIL, ATTENDANCE ROLLS, 1785-6.

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Nathl Peabody.....		1	1	1	1	1	1	1					1		11	1	1			1	1							
Moses Dow.....	250	1	1	1	1	1	1	1								1	1			1	1			1	1	1	1	
Amos Shephard	200	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				1	1		11								1	1	1	1	1	
E. Thompson, Sec^ry	26	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1						1			1	1							
J. Pearson, D. Sec^ry		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1		11	1	1			1	1		1	1	1	1	1	

Mr Dow & Mr Shephard to be Allowed for 5 days waiting through the Aj^o from the 4th to the 10th of Aug^t

Those of the Council who Attended were Allowed for waiting on his Excellency Saturdays & Mondays while the Genl Court was Sitting.

1. Mr. Amory says, Life of John Sullivan, p. 209, that he declined the office of Councillor, to which he was elected for the political year 1785 6. The record does not verify this statement, but shows that he served in that capacity during the entire year. Amory also states, in the same place, that Gen. Sullivan resigned the offices of Attorney-General and Major-General of the militia, March 4, 1786.

STATE OFFICERS, 1786-87.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

JOHN SULLIVAN,[1] Durham, *President.*

Council.

JOSHUA WENTWORTH, Portsmouth,
AMOS SHEPHARD, Alstead, } *Chosen from the Senate.*

CHRISTOPHER TOPPAN, Hampton,
MOSES DOW, Haverhill,
ROBERT MEANS,[2] Amherst, } *Chosen from the House.*

1. The works named below are the principal authorities on the life, character and services of Gen. Sullivan: The Military Services and Public Life of Major-General John Sullivan, by Thos. C. Amory, Boston, Mass., 1868; Sketch and Historical Address on Sullivan's Indian Expedition, 1779, Rev. David Craft, published by authority of the State of New York, 1887; Gen. Sullivan not a Pensioner of Luzerne, with the Report of the New Hampshire Historical Society, Vindicating Him from the Charge made by George Bancroft (Reprinted in Proceedings of the N. H. Hist. Soc., Vol. 1, p. 94), Boston, A. Williams and Company, 1875; Centennial Memoir of Major General John Sullivan, 1740–1795, presented at Independence Hall, Philadelphia, July 2, 1876, by Thos. C. Amory,—reprinted from the Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography, Philadelphia, 1879; Major General John Sullivan, A Vindication of his Character as a Soldier and Patriot, by Thomas C. Amory, Esq., Morrisania, N. Y., 1867; John Sullivan, Plumer, MS. Biography, Vol. 3, p. 567; Bell's History of Exeter, p. 356; Life of John Sullivan, by O. W. B. Peabody, Spark's Am. Biography, 2d Ed. Series iii.; *The New Hampshire Spy*, Portsmouth, first issued Oct. 24, 1786, by George Jerry Osborne, the personal organ of Gen. Sullivan and during his administration the official paper. Its articles reflect his views and doubtless not a few were from his pen. The *Gazette* and *Mercury* of Portsmouth and the *Freeman's Oracle* of Exeter contain much political and controversial matter to which Gen. Sullivan and his rivals, directly or by their friends, were contributors.

2. Robert Means, son of Thomas Means, was born in Stewartstown, Ireland, August 28, 1742, and died in Amherst, N. H., January 24, 1823. He came to this country in company with Jacob McGaw, afterwards of Merrimack, in 1766. They were weavers and carried on the business in Amherst and Merrimack several years, but both at length abandoned that occupation, and engaged in mercantile pursuits. Both became wealthy and influential citizens. Means was active in Militia matters after the Revolution and commanded a cavalry regiment, hence he was afterwards known as Col. Means.

Col. Means married Mary McGregore, daughter of Rev. David McGregore of Londonderry, by whom he had nine children. Among them were Mary, b. Oct. 20, 1777, married Hon. Jeremiah Mason, Nov. 6, 1799.

Elizabeth, b. Sept. 8, 1779, married Rev. Jesse Appleton. They were parents of Jane Means Appleton, the wife of President Frank Pierce. Nancy, b. Oct. 28, 1783, m. (1) Hon. Caleb Ellis. (2) Hon. Amos Lawrence. Hon. William Gordon Means, now a resident of Andover, Mass., was a grandson of Col. Robert and Mary McGregore Means and the son of Col. David McGregore Means and Catherine Atherton Means, sister of Hon. Charles H. Atherton. *D. F. Secomb, Author of the History of Amherst.*

JOSEPH PEARSON,[1] Exeter, *Secretary of State.*
Deputy Secretary.
JOHN TAYLOR GILMAN, Exeter, *State Treasurer.*
JEREMIAH LIBBEY,[2] Portsmouth, *Post Master.*
JOSEPH WHIPPLE,[3] Portsmouth, *Impost Officer.*
ELEAZER RUSSELL, Portsmouth, *Naval Officer.*
NATHANIEL GILMAN, Exeter, *Continental Loan Officer.*
STEPHEN GORHAM,[4] Exeter, } *Commissioner for Settling Continental Accounts.*
JOSEPH PEARSON, Exeter, *Paymaster of Pensions.*

JUDICIARY.

Supreme Court of Judicature.

Chief Justice, SAMUEL LIVERMORE, Holderness.
Puisne Justices, { JOSIAH BARTLETT, Kingston.
JOHN DUDLEY, Raymond.
WOODBURY LANGDON, Portsmouth.
Attorney-General, JOHN PICKERING,[5] Portsmouth.
Clerk, NATHANIEL ADAMS, Portsmouth.

1. State Secretary Pearson was of Exeter. He continued in office until 1805, then he resumed his residence at Exeter. Bell's History of Exeter, 396.

2. Mr. Libbey was appointed Postmaster-General for this State, but it is doubtful if he ever exercised the duties of that office. There is correspondence in a previous volume of this series which indicates that the State office which was to be established was regarded by the Continental post-office department as incompatible with the office held under the latter authority. xviii. Ham. State Papers, 765, 771.

3. Col. Joseph Whipple was a native of Kittery, Me , and was in early life engaged in trade. He became largely interested in lands in the region which is now the southerly part of Coös County. He was one of the earliest settlers and the largest landowner in Dartmouth, now Jefferson. His name is prominent in the history and romance of the vicinity. B. G. Willey, White Mountain History, p. 70. In 1776, 1777, 1778, 1782, 1783, 1785, he was the representative of his legislative district which at first included all of the territory of the present Coös County and parts of Grafton and Carroll. Being identified with the leaders of public affairs in the southeastern part of the State, he was undoubtedly very influential in setting bounds to the political disaffection that prevailed in the Connecticut valley towns while the war was in progress. President Weare appointed him Colonel of the 25th Regt. of Militia in 1784. After the organization of the state government under the constitution, he was (March 4, 1786,) a pointed Impost officer at Portsmouth and served the State in that capacity till the federal government went into operation in 1789. He was then made collector of the port at Portsmouth by President Washington. This appointment was dated Aug. 3. Col. Whipple continued in office under it till July 6, 1798, when he was removed for political reasons by President Adams, and Thomas Martin appointed in his stead. *Granite Monthly*, Vol. 6, p. 111; Life of Jeremiah Smith, p. 140. In a letter relating to his removal from office written to Col. Whipple, Judge Smith said: "To your politeness as a gentleman, integrity, zeal and intelligence as an officer, I could most cheerfully bear witness. But these are not called in question." President Jefferson restored Col. Whipple to the office of collector Apr. 5, 1801. He was the incumbent thereafterwards continuously till his death at an advanced age in 1816. He foresaw the importance of diversified industries in the State and devoted a considerable amount by his will to be employed in the encouragement of manufacturing in New Hampshire.

4. The General Court of this State protested in January, 1787, against the removal of Mr. Gorham from his office. xviii. Ham. Misc. State Papers, 786.

5. Appointed Feb. 27, 1786. Benjamin West of Charlestown was appointed June 22, 1786, but did not accept, and Mr. Pickering continued in the office. Biographical sketches of the latter, Adams's Annals of Portsmouth, 332; Brewster's Rambles about Portsmouth, second series, p. 103; Bell's History of Exeter, p. 356; Plumer's MS. Biog. Vol. 4, p. 317.

Court Maritime.

Judge, JOSHUA BRACKETT, Portsmouth.

MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT.

HIS EXCELLENCY JOHN SULLIVAN,[1]

Captain-General, Commander-in-Chief, and Admiral.

Aids to his Excellency with the Rank of Lieut. Colonel.

JAMES CARR, Somersworth.
JONATHAN RAWSON, Dover.
ISAAC FARWELL, Charlestown.
SAMUEL SHERBURNE, Portsmouth.
SAMUEL ADAMS, Durham.
ELEAZER WHEELOCK, Hanover.

First Division.

BENJAMIN BELLOWS,[2] Walpole, *Major-General.*

Second Division.

JOSEPH CILLEY,[3] Nottingham, *Major-General.*

Brigadier-Generals.

JONATHAN MOULTON, Hampton.
GEORGE REID, Londonderry.
MOSES DOW, Haverhill.
JONATHAN BLANCHARD, Dunstable.
JONATHAN CHASE, Cornish.
THOMAS BARTLETT, Nottingham.

1. General Sullivan labored zealously to have the Militia so well organized and established that it would be a pillar of safety for the State. He was in a position in the legislature to exercise an important influence in shaping the first system of militia laws adopted after the revolution, and as Major General Commanding, and subsequently as President and Commander-in-chief, he gave the military department the full benefit of his experience, example and influence. He prepared a text-book in tactics; and his urgent appeals to the various classes that he desired to enlist actively in maintaining an efficient militia organization are characteristically able documents, replete with timely statements of fact and skillful and well directed argument. Amory, Life of Sullivan, (Ed. 1868,) p. 307.

2. Biography in Address of Henry W. Bellows, D. D., at Walpole, Oct. 11, 1854, p. 43.

3. Biography, by Gov. Wm. Plumer, printed from his MSS. in the custody of the N. H. Historical Society, by Bradbury P. Cilley, 1891.

SUPPLY CLAPP, Portsmouth, *Commissary-General.*
JEREMIAH FOGG,[1] Kensington, *Adjutant-General.*

STATE SENATE.

June 7, 1786, *to June* 6, 1787.

JOHN SULLIVAN, Durham, *President.*

For the County of Rockingham:
- JOHN McCLEARY,[2] Epsom, *President Pro Tem. or Senior Senator.*
- JOSEPH GILMAN,[3] Exeter.
- JOSHUA WENTWORTH,[4] Portsmouth.
- GEORGE ATKINSON,[5] Portsmouth.
- JOHN BELL,[6] Londonderry.

Strafford County:
- JOHN McDUFFEE,[7] Rochester.
- OTIS BAKER,[8] Dover.

Hillsboro' County:
- MATTHEW THORNTON,[9] Merrimack.
- EBENEZER WEBSTER,[10] Salisbury.

Cheshire County:
- JOHN BELLOWS,[11] Walpole.
- AMOS SHEPHARD,[12] Alstead.

Grafton County:
- ELISHA PAYNE,[13] Lebanon.

1. Biographical Sketch and Diary, Gen. Sullivan's Indian Expedition, 1779, published by authority of the State of New York, 1887, p. 92.
2. Biographical Note, Bouton Prov. and State Papers, Vol. 10, p. 33.
3. Biographical Notice, Bell's History of Exeter, p. 419.
4. Biographical Notice, Brewster's Rambles about Portsmouth, First Series, p. 114.
5. Biographical Notice, 3 Plumer, MS. Biog., 285.
6. Biographical Sketch, Parker's History of Londonderry, p. 216.
7. Biographical Sketch, History of Strafford County, p. 743.
8. Otis Baker was born in Brookfield, Mass., in 1727, the son of Thos. Baker of Northampton. His mother, Christine Otis, was a daughter of Richard Otis of Dover, who was slain in the Indian massacre at that place June 27, 1689. This daughter was carried captive to Canada and after her return, married Capt Thos. Baker. Otis Baker was originally named *Otis Archalaus Sherrington* Baker, but upon arriving at full age he dropped all but the plain Otis Baker. The mature years of his life were spent at Dover where he died Nov. 6, 1801. See 5 N. E. Hist. Genealog. Society Register, pp. 177 *et seq.* Note especially pp. 195 and 204. *John R. Ham, M. D.*
9. Memoir, 1 Farmer and Moore's Hist. Coll. Vol. 1, p. 87.
10. Biographical Notice, History of Salisbury, p. 829, and *passim.*
11. Biographical Sketch, Address of Henry W. Bellows, D.D., at Walpole, Oct. 11, 1854, p. 54.
12. Mr. Shephard was a Senator fifteen terms beginning with the first political year under the constitution of 1784. Manual of the State Senate by George C. Gilmore, *passim.*
13. Several errors relating to Col. Elisha Payne and his son Elisha Payne, Jr., have been passed along in historical publications for many years. Elisha Payne, Jr., has been erroneously mentioned as having been a State Senator. The junior Payne was not of constitutional age for election to the Senate till 1793. Therefore there can be no question that it was the senior Payne who was Senator in 1786 and 1787. His residence was at Lebanon and not at Haverhill as is sometimes stated in the official successions. The appellation "Col. Payne" which appears all through the record is not descriptive of the junior Payne, who was a young man, graduating from Dartmouth College in 1784. The senior Payne, however, was Lieut. Colonel of Col. Jonathan Chase's regiment in the Revolutionary period. Gov. Plumer referred to Payne as inactive in the constitutional convention of 1791 and 1792, on account of the infirmities of age. (Life of Plumer, 122.) This corrects the biographical note in 10 Bouton Prov. and State Papers, 37, wherever Elisha Payne, Jr., is named as the member from Lebanon. Biography by Wm. H. Cotton, Proceedings, Grafton and Coös Bar Association, Vol. 1, pp. 497, 632; Frederick Chase's History of Hanover, *passim.*

The Senators chosen by vote of the people in the election of 1786, were for the County of *Rockingham*, John McCleary, Joseph Gilman, and Joshua Wentworth; for the County of *Strafford*, John McDuffee and Otis Baker; for the County of Hillsborough, Matthew Thornton; for the County of *Cheshire*, John Bellows.

These Senators-elect all appeared and took the oath of office on the first day of the session, except Senator Baker, who came in June 9.

The ninth of June, in joint convention, the Senators wanting were elected as follows:

For the County of *Rockingham*, George Atkinson, John Bell.
For the County of *Hillsborough*, Ebenezer Webster.
For the County of *Cheshire*, Amos Shephard.
For the County of *Grafton*, Elisha Payne.

DELEGATES TO CONGRESS.

To serve for one year from the first Monday in Nov., 1786.

Names of Delegates.	Residence.	Date of Election.
JOHN LANGDON,	Portsmouth,	June 14, 1786.
PIERSE LONG,	Portsmouth,	June 14, 1786.
JOHN PICKERING,[1]	Portsmouth,	June 14, 1786.
ABIEL FOSTER,[2]	Canterbury,	June 14, 1786.
JOHN SPARHAWK,	Portsmouth,	June 27, 1786.
NICHOLAS GILMAN,	Exeter,	June 27, 1786.

DELEGATES FROM NEW HAMPSHIRE IN ACTUAL ATTENDANCE AT CONGRESS IN

1786.

SAMUEL LIVERMORE, Holderness.
PIERSE LONG, Portsmouth.

1787.

JOHN LANGDON, Portsmouth.
NICHOLAS GILMAN, Exeter.

COMMITTEE TO REVISE THE LAWS OF THE STATE.

JOHN PICKERING, Portsmouth.
DANIEL HUMPHREYS, Portsmouth.

1. Declined after appointment on part of the House.
2. Appointed on part of the House but the Senate non-concurred.

JOURNAL OF THE SENATE.

CONTAINING THE PROCEEDINGS FROM

JUNE 7 TO JUNE 27, 1786.

JOURNAL OF THE SENATE.

* At Concord Wednesday June 7, 1786. *2 : 139

Being this day appointed by the Constitution for the annual Meeting of the General Court six of the members elected by the people for the ensuing year attended and took the Oaths Viz.

The Hon. John M'Clary
Joseph Gilman and
Joshua Wentworth, Esq^{rs} } For the County of Rockingham.
John M'Duffee Esqr for the County of Strafford.
Matthew Thornton for the County of Hillsborough.
John Bellows Esqr for the County of Cheshire.

The members present met with the House of Representatives in the said Representatives Chamber, and proceeded to count the votes for a President agreeable to the Constitution ; and agreed to adjourn till to-morrow morning 7 O'Clock then to meet in in said Chamber.

THURSDAY, June 8th 1786.

Met according to adjournment ; and proceeded in examining the returns for a President after which a Committee of three viz. Christopher Toppan, John Pickering and Amos Sheppard Esquires with the addition of John Calf and Joseph Pearson Esq^{rs} were chosen to re-examine said Returns.

Agreed to adjourn 'till 4 O'Clock P. M.

4 O'Clock P. M. met in committee agreeably to adjournment and the committee appointed to re-examine the Votes not being ready to report adjourned 'till to-morrow 8, O'Clock.

* FRIDAY, June 9th 1786. * 2 : 140

Present as yesterday with the addition of Mr Baker who attended and took the oaths and his seat in Senate.

Met in committee agreeable to Constitution the committee appointed to re-examine the Votes returned for a President reported that they had compared the returns with the entries in the Secretary's record thereof and them to agree, the committee have likewise cast the number of Votes returned and entered and find the whole amount to be eight Thousand, five hundred and sixty seven. Three thousand and six hundred of which were for his Excellency John Langdon Esquire and four thousand three hundred and nine for the Honourable John Sullivan Esqr The remainder being Six hundred and fifty eigh[t] were for sundry other persons. so it appears to your comittee, that the Honourable John Sullivan Esqr is elected President by a Majority of fifty one votes, Which report being Read *voted* that the same be accepted.

The Senate then retired to their own Room and proceeded to the choice of a Senior Senator, the ballots being taken it appeared that the Honourable John M'Clary Esqr was chosen to that Office. The Senate then joined the House in committee and the necessary oaths were administered to his Excellency John Sullivan Esqr as President by the Honourable John M'Clary Esqr Senior Senator and the said Senior Senator declared before both houses of the Legislature that his Excellency John Sullivan Esquire was duly elected President of this State for the year ensuing by the free suffrages of the people.

The Senate then retired to their own Room and after some time joined again in Committee and proceeded to the choice of Senators to fill the vacancies.

The ballots being taken it appeared that the Honourable
*2:141 George Atkinson Esquire is elected *Senator for the County of Rockingham.

The Ballots being taken for the other Senator for the County of Rockingham. It appears that the Honourable John Bell Esquire is chosen to that Office.

The Ballots being taken for a Senator for the County of Hillsborough it appeared that the Honourable Ebenezer Webster Esquire is chosen to that office.

The ballots being taken for a Senator for the County of Cheshire it appeared that the Honourable Amos Shepard Esquire was chosen to that Office.

The Ballots being taken for a Senator for the County of Grafton, it appears that the Honourable Elisha Payne Esquire was chosen to that Office.

The committee then adjourned with Leave to meet again in the afternoon.

The Senate then retired to their own Room.

A Vote to grant the prayer of the Petition of Elizabeth Wentworth and giving to bring in a bill accordingly brought up read and concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to consider of the Petition of Archibald McMillian and sick and wounded Officers and Soldiers and report thereon brough[t] up read concurred and Mr Thornton Joined.

A Vote for a committee to Join a committee of the Senate to consider of the petition of the Selectmen of Portsmouth and report thereon brought up read and concurred. Mr McClary and Mr Baker joined.

The Senate met with the House in Committee * Agreeably to adjournment and proceeded to the choice of Councillors for the year ensuing. * 2 : 142

The Ballots being taken the Honourable Joshua Wentworth Esquire was chosen a Councillor.

The Ballots being taken the Honourable Amos Shepard Esquire was chosen a Councillor.

The Ballots being again taken, it appeared that the Honourable John Langdon Esquire was chosen a Councillor, who declined to accept, proceeded to take the Ballots & it appeared that Robert Means Esquire was chosen a Councillor.

The Ballots being again taken it appeared that Christopher Toppan Esquire was chosen a Councillor.

The Ballots being again taken it appeared that the Honourable Moses Dow Esquire was chosen a Councillor.

The Ballots being taken for a Secretary, it appeared that Joseph Pearson was chosen to serve in that Office.

Adjourned till to-morrow, and then the Senate retired to their own Chamber, and adjourned to 9 O'Clock A. M.

SATURDAY June 10th 1786.

Met according to adjournment.

Present all the Senate except Mr Atkinson, Mr Bell, Mr Webster and Mr. Payne.

His Excellencys Message to both branches was read and sent down with the public papers received since last Session.

The Senate met with the House in committee agreeable to adjournment to the choice of a Treasurer.

* The Ballots being taken it appeared that John T. Gilman Esquire, was unanimously chosen to that Office for the ensuing year. * 2 : 143

Next proceeded to the Choice of a Commissinary General and the

ballots being taken, it appeared that Col. Supply Clapp was chosen for the year ensuing.

Adjourned to meet again on Monday next 4 O'Clock P. M. The Senate then retired to their own room.

A Vote to hear the petition of James Saunders on the third Wednesday of of the next Session, was brough(t) up read and concurred.

A Vote to hear the Petition of John Glidden on the third Wednesday of their next Session, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote to hear the petition of John Roche on the twentieth of June current, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider of the petition of John Penhallow Esquire and others and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred Mr Gilman Mr McClary and Mr Bellows were joined.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to take under consideration the Message of his Excellency the President and prepare and lay before the house in an Answer thereto; also to consider what business is necessary to be first entered upon and done this Session an report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred, Mr Gilman Mr Wentworth and Mr Thornton were joined.

*2:144 *A Vote, one the petition from the Town of Warren that the petitioners have leave to bring in a resolve to establish their proceedings of a Town meeting so far as it respects the choice of Town Officers, was brought up, read and concurred. adjourned till Monday next 3 O'Clock P. M.

MONDAY June 12th 1786.

Met according to adjournment.

Present as on Saturday last with the addition of Mr Webster.

State of New Hampshire.

In Senate, June 12th 1786.

Voted that Mr M'Clary & Mr Shepard with such of the Honourable House as they shall Join, be be a committee to devise standards for the respective Corps of Horse and foot in this State and report thereon, sent down for concurrence by Mr Shepard, brought in concurred.

A Vote that this House resolves themselves into a committee in conjunction with the Honourable Senate (if they see fit) to consider of a Letter from the Honourable Samuel Livermore Esquire and any other matters they may Judge necessary when meet, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote for a committee to Join a committee of the Senate to consider of the partition of the Selectmen of Acworth and all similar matters and report thereon, was brought up read and concurred, Mr Wentworth Joined.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider of the petition of Adam Babcock and report thereon, was brought up read and concurred Mr Thornton and Mr Shepard were Joined.

* A Vote to hear the petition of Jonathan Elkinson * 2 : 145
Tuesday the 20th day of June current, was brought up read
and concurred.

A Vote for a committee to Join a committee of the Senate to consider of the petition of Amos Dow and report thereon, was brought up read and concurred, Mr McDuffee Joined.

The Senate and house met in committee according to adjournment and agreed to adjourn to meet again on To morrow and then the Senate retired to their own Room.

Adjourned till to-morrow 8. O'Clock A. M.

TUESDAY, June 13th 1786.

Met according to adjournment.
Present as yesterday.

A Vote for a committee to Join a committee of the Senate to consider of the petition of Thomas Davis and report thereon was brought up read and concurred, Mr McDuffee Joined.

A Vote to hear the petition of the Selectmen of Charlestown on the third Wednesday of their next Session was brought up read and and concurred.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider the petition of Samuel Chase Esquire and others, Also the petition of Joseph Tilton Junr and report thereon, was brought up read and concurred Mr Gilman Mr Thornton Mr Bellows and Mr Payne were joined.

A Vote for a committee to Join a Committee of the Senate, to consider of the petition of Simeon Dearborn Esqr and report thereon was brought up read and concurred, Mr Webster joined.

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* State of New Hampshire. } In Senate June 13th 1786

Resolved that the brigades of Malitia now commanded by the following Brigadiers, viz. Cilley Moulton and Reid constitute one

division, and be commanded by a Major General to be appointed agreeably to the Constitution for that purpose; and that the Brigates now commanded by the following Brigadiers viz. Bellows Dow and Blanchard constitute another division and be commanded by a Major General to be appointed as aforesaid. Sent down for concurrence. by Mr Webster, Brough[t] up concurr'd June 20th 1786.

A Vote for a committee to Join a committee of the Senate to consider what is best to be done with the old Continental Currency now in the Treasury and in the hands of Individuals of this State, and report thereon, was brought up read and concurred. Mr Wentworth and Mr Gilman were joined.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to draught a bill for regulating the times and places for holding the several Courts of Probate within this State, was brought up read and concurred Mr Thornton and Mr Wentworth joined

A Vote to allow the account of John Melcher amounting to three pounds six shillings and four pence for printing, was brought up read and concurred.

A Vote to allow and and pay the Rool of Capt. M. Bell amounting to eight pounds, was bro't up read and concurred.

A Vote to hear the petition of Thomas Stevens on Wednesday the 21st day of June current was brought up read and concurred.

*2:147 *A Vote for a committee to Join a committee of the Senate to consider of the petition of Mary Conner and Joseph Drew and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred, Mr Baker joined.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider of the petition of Enoch Richardson and others and report thereon, was brought up read and concurred, Mr Bellows joined.

A Vote to hear the petition of William Thomas on the third Wednesday of their next Session was brought up read and concurred.

A Vote to hear the petition of the Selectmen of Packersfield on the third Thursday of their next Session was brought up read and concurred.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider of the account of Benjamin Biggelow and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred, Mr Baker and Mr Wentworth joined.

A Vote to hear the petition of Elizabeth Lamson on the third Wednesday of their next Session was brought up read and concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate to consider of the petition of Martha Wait and report thereon, was brought up read and concurred, Mr Shepard joined.

A Vote to hear the petition of Thomas Davis on the third Wednesday of their next Session was brough[t] up read and concurred.

Adjourned 'till to-morrow 8 O'Clock.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14th 1786.

Met according to adjournment.
Present as yesterday.

* An Act to empower Mrs Elizabeth Wentworth to convey her Estate to her Children and Grand Children and to enable them to hold the same was read a third time, and *Voted*, that the be enacted. * 2 : 148

A Vote that the Honourable Nathaniel Peabody Esquire who was appointed a Deligate from this State to the United States for the current year, be recall'd and that his excellency be desired to notify him thereof, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote to hear the petition of Henry Gerrish on the third Wednesday of the next Session was brought up, read and concurred.

A Resolve suspending the Lumber Act (so called) untill the second Wednesday of the next Session of the General Court, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to take under consideration the impost Act and report thereon, was brought up read and concurred; Mr Wentworth and Mr Bellows joined.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to examine the late recquisitions of Congress and report what is further necessary to be done in order to comply with said requisitions, was brought up, read and concurred: Mr Wentworth and Mr Gilman joined.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider of the account of Isaac Williams and all similar matters and report was brought up read & concurred Mr McClary and Mr Gilman Joind.

* A Vote appointing the Honourable Peirce Long Esquire a Deligate to Congress for the Term of one year from and after the first Monday in November next was brought up read and concurred. * 2 : 149

A Vote appointing the Honourable John Langdon Esquire a Deligate to Congress for the term of one year from and after the first Monday in November next, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote appointing the Honourable John Langdon Esqr and Mr James Sheafe Commissioners (in addition to the comissioners already appointed) on the part of this State to meet such commissioners as

are, or may be appointed by any other of the united States, for the regulation of commerce, two only of said commissioners to attend at one and the said time was brought up read and concurred.

A Vote appointing Mr Epraim Robinson, John Calfe Esquire and Thomas Odiorne Esquire a committee to settle the Accounts between this State and the Treasurer of said State and report thereon to this house at their next Session, was brought up read and concurred.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to take under consideration the appointing and payment of Jurors and likewise the table fees for this State and report such alterations and amendment as they may Judge necessary, was brought up read and concurred; Mr Bellows and Mr Thornton Joined.

*2:150 *A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider of the petition of Hercules Money Esqr and report thereon, was brought up read and concurred: Mr Baker joined.

A Vote to grant the prayer of the petition of Stephen Dole in behalf of the town of Bedford and that the petitioner have leave to bring in a bill accordingly, was brought up, read and concurred.

An Act inventing Benjamin Dearborn with the exclusive right of making and selling certain Articles therein specified, having been read a third time, *Voted* that the same be enacted.

A Vote to hear the petition of Sarson Belcher, by his Attorney's Samuel Dana and Edward Livermore on the third Wednesday of their next Session, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider of the petition of Daniel Gale and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred: Mr McClary and Mr Webster were joined.

A Vote to hear the petition of John Blunt Esqr on the third Wednesday of the next Session, was brough[t] up, read and [con]curred.

A Vote to accept the report of the petition of Thomas Clark that the prayer of said petition be so far granted that he receive his wages and depresiation as other Soldiers have received, deducting what he has already received, was brought up, read and concurred. the concurrence reconsidered, and *Voted* that the report be recommitted, sent down for concurrence.

*2:151 *A Vote granting the prayer of the petition of *Archabald McMillin and that the Petitioner receive pay accordingly brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider whether Interest shall be allowed on Pierces Certificates (or the final Settlement Securities that are ordered to be received into the Treasury of this State and in what manner it shall be done and re-

port thereon and whether the Treasurer shall receive any on which the Interest has been paid, was brought up, read and concurred; Mr Wentworth, Mr Gilman and Mr McClary joined.

A Vote that the Town of Acworth be allowed for three thousand four hundred and twenty five pounds of beef including what is already allowed by the Treasurer, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote appointing John Sparhawk Esqr a deligate to Congress for the term of one year from and after the first monday in Novr next, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote appointing Abiel Foster Esquire a Deligate to Congress for the term of one year from and after the first Monday in November next, was brought up, read and non-concurred.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to draught and lay before this House such public bills as may be thought necessary to be enacted this Session, was brought up, read and concurred; Mr Thornton and Mr Shepard joined.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to State the reasons why it is not practable to make a bank of paper Money, was brought up, read and concurred: Mr Wentworth Mr Webster Mr Bellows Mr Baker Mr Payne were joined.

*A Vote to hear the petition of Leonard Whiting on the third Thursday of the next Session, was brought up, read and concurred. *2:152

A Vote to grant the prayer of the petition of Sarah Catharine Moffat and giving her leave to bring in accordingly, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote to grant the prayer of the petition of the Selectmen of Winchester and giving them Leave to bring in a bill accordingly, was brought up, read and non-concurred.

A Vote for committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider of the petition of the Selectmen of Protectworth and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred; Mr McClary and Mr Webster joined.

A Vote that William Moreland be set at Liberty from his Confinement in Amherst Goal, was brought up, read and concurred.

The Honourable George Atkinson Esquire attended and took the Oaths as Senator.

Adjourned 'till to-morrow 8 O'Clock.

THURSDAY, June 15th, 1786.

Met according to adjournment.

Present all the Senate except Mr Bell.

An Act to enable Phillip White and Mary his Wife to sell the real estate of Ebenezer Conant, deceased for the payment of the debts of

the deceased and support of his children, having been read a third time, *Voted* that the same be enacted.

*2:153 *A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider ways and means for furnishing a Delegate with money to forward him to Congress and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred: Mr Atkinson Mr Bellows and Mr Baker joined.

A Vote to pay the Account of Samuel Dalling amounting to seventeen pounds four shillings for the of a Vessel; was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider of the petition of the Selectmen of Dorchester and Similar Matters and report thereon, was brought up read and concurred. Col. McDuffee joined.

A Vote to allow half pay to Ezra Gates to commence at the time his whole pay ceased till further order of the Court and that he be enrolled accordingly, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote to allow Uriah Stone half pay from 4th day of November 1785 (time his half pay ceased) till further order, and that he be enrolled accordingly, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote to hear the petition of Lemuel Smith on third Thursday of their next Session, was brough[t] up, read and concurred.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider of the petition and Account of Nathaniel Rogers and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred, Mr Shepard joined.

*2:154 *A Vote to hear the petition of Azariah Webb on the third Wednesday of the next Session, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote to hear the petition of Elipalet Hale on the third Wednesday of the next Session, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote to hear the petition of the Selectmen of Unity, on the third Wednesday of the next Session, was brough[t] up read and concurred.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of Senate to consider what shall be done with the Coper Plate Notes in the hands of individuals &c &c. was brought up read and concurred, Mr Gilman joined.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider of the petition of Reuben Middleton and report thereon, was brought up read and concurred, Mr McDuffee joined.

A Vote that John Pickering and Daniel Humphreys Esqrs be a committee to revise the Laws of this State and report from time to time as they may prepare the same, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote to grant the prayer of the petition of Thomas Fuller and that the Treasurer issue a new Note equal in value to the one consumed and a Certificate for twenty three shillings and ten pence to the said Thomas Fuller, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider of the petition of *Charles Huntoon Esquire and other inhabitants of Unity and report thereon, was brought up read and concurred, Mr Shepard joined. *2:155

A Vote to hear the petition of the inhabitants of Washington on the third Wednesday of the next was brought up read and concurred.

A Vote to hear the petition of the Inhabitants of Charlestown &c. on the third Thursday of the next Session, was brought up read and concurred.

The Honourable Elisha Payne attended and took the oaths as a Senator.

A Vote granting the prayer of the petition of Mary Conner and giving her leave to bring in a bill accordingly, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote granting the prayer of the petition of Nathaniel Hall and Ebenezer Brewster and that the petitioners give security in common form for paying the sum the excise was sold for, into the Treasurer was brought up read and concurred.

A Vote granting the prayer of the petition of Joseph Parker and that he have leave to bring in a bill accordingly, was brought up read and concurred.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider the petition of John Wheatley and report thereon, was brough[t] up, read and concurred Mr Atkinson joined.

A Vote granting the prayer of the petition of Hercules Mooney Esqr and that the committee *On depreciation goven themselves accordingly, was brough[t] up read and concurred. *2:156

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider of the petition of the Selectmen of Chesterfield and all similar matters and report thereon, was brought up read and concurred, Mr McDuffee and Mr Payne joined.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider of the petition of David Page Esquire and examine whether there is any Law of this State, that will relieve him and if not, to report a bill for that purpose, was brought up read and concurred, Mr Atkinson joined.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE } IN SENATE June 15th 1786

Voted, That Mr Atkinson Mr Thornton and Mr Wentworth with such of the Honourable House shall join be a committee to take under consideration the Letter dated the 3d of May last Received from foreign affairs and report thereon, was sent down for concurrence by Elisha Payne Esqr

A Vote that Martha Wait receive half pay, agreeable to a resolution of Congress of the 24th August 1780 from the time of her late husbands Death untill the time of her inter-Marriage with her second husband, and that the guardian for the Children of said Wait do receive half pay from the time of the said Martha's intermarriage untill the term of seven years is compleated. The money that appears due from the said Joseph Wait, to this State being first [de]ducted, was brough[t] up, read and concurred.

* 2 : 157 * A Vote to allow the Account of Daniel Fowle Esquire amounting to ninety five pounds for printing the Journals of the House of Representatives February Session, was brought up read and concurred, warrant granted.

A Vote that the Treasurer be directed to pay to the Loan Officer one Million three hundred eighty seven thousand five hundred and fifty Dollars of the old continental paper currency now in the Treasury, taking his Receipt therefor, was brought up read and concurred.

A Vote to postpone the hearing on the petition of Cockermouth to the third Wednesday of the next Session, which may be held at Concord, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote to accept the report of the committee on the petition of John Penhallow Esquire and others that his Excellency the President be desired to write to the president of the State of Pensylvana fully stating the matter in despute referr'd to in the petition, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider of the petition of the Selectmen of Allenstown and report thereon, was brought up read and concurred, Mr Payne joined.

A Vote that the Secretary take order to record the Copy of the Charter of Lebanon, was brought up read and concurred.

Adjourned till to morrow 8 O'Clock, A. M.

* 2 : 158 * FRIDAY, JUNE 16th 1786.

Met according to adjournment.
Present as yesterday.

A Vote that the Town of Protectworth be abated twelve pounds

six shillings on an Extent against them for a Soldier, was brought up read and cononcurred.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE. } IN SENATE June 16th 1786.

Voted that Mr Atkinson and Mr Payne with such of the Honourable House shall join be a committee to consider and report to the Court what mode will be proper to pursue in the future appointment of Special Justices in the Several Counties in this State, Sent down for concurrence by Mr McDuffee, brought up concur'd.

A Vote appointing Archabald M'Murphey, Hon John M'Duffee Esqr Daniel Emerson, Esqr Captain Jeremiah Stiles and the Hon. Charles Johnston, Esquire, a committee on the one part of the State to enquire and examine whether any of the unimproved Lands in this State are the property of this State, and report their opinion thereon at the General Court at their next Session, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to prepare Instructions for the destruction of the committee chosen to examine whether any of the unimproved lands in the State are the property of the State, and lay the same before this house, was brought up read and concurred, Mr Webster and Mr Shepard joined.

A Vote that the Town of Dorchester ought to be abated the one half of their Taxes for the year * 1777, 1778, and 1779, which abatement in the whole amounts to £37..4..6 was brought up, read and concurred. * 2 : 159

A Vote to hear the petition of John Kean on the third Friday of the next Session, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote for a committee to Join a committee of the Senate to consider of the petition of Elisha Brown and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred, Mr Baker Joined.

A Vote that the Selectmen of Portsmouth have a day of hearing on their petition relative to a rod at the next Session of the General Court, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider of the petition and abstract of Captain Ezra Town and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred, Mr Webster Joined.

A Vote, that the Treasurer be directed not to receive any final Settlement Securitys on which Interest is indorsed, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider the petition of Elizabeth Wallingford and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred, Mr Gilman and Mr Atkinson joined.

A Vote that David Page Esquire is fully impowered to proceed to the Collection of the proprietors taxes in Conway for-
* 1 : 160 merly * committed to his care, was brought up, read and [con]curred.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider of a Receipt signed by Jonathan Child, was brought up, read and concurred, Mr McDuffee joined.

A Vote to hear the petition of Croydon on the third Friday of the next Session, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to take under consideration an act for the recovery of small debts &c. was brought up, read and concurred. Mr Thornton and Mr Webster joined.

A Vote to hear the petition of John Dustin on Tuesday next, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote that Reuben Middleton have £48 and Interest from May 1778 for wages &c. was brought up, read and concurred, warrant granted.

A Vote for a committee to Join a committee of the Senate to consider of the petition of Mary Robinson and Asa Robinson and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred, Mr Baker joined.

A Vote adding several persons to the committee on the petition of A. Babcock, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider of the petition of Jonathan Chase and all similar matters and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred, Mr Payne joined.

* 2 : 161 * A Vote to accept of the report of the Committee on the petition of Samuel Chase and others and that the third Thursday of the next Session be the day for hearing said petition, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote directing the Treasurer to receive coper plate bills in payment of all taxes payable in certificates, was brought up read and concurred.

A Vote that the account of Losses sustain'd at the orders be referred to the committee on Nathaniel Rogers petition was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote that a Delegate going to Congress receive an order on the Treasurer for £90 forthwith, and that the said Treasurer appropriate the first money he receives to discharge the same; but not to meddle with the hard money tax laid on for the current year, was brought up, read and concurred. warrant granted.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider what alterations are necessary in the establish of Post Riders

are to be supported and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred, Mr Atkinson Mr Wentworth and Mr Webster joined.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider of the petition of Nathan Caswell in behalf of Littleton and report thereon, was brought up read and concurred, Mr Payne joined.

* A Vote, that Town of Unity be abated the seventh * 2 : 162
part of their Taxes from the year 1780 to the last proportion, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote that the Selectmen of Allenstown be abated and allowed out of the Extent against them for the deficiency of Continental soldiers the sum of forty two pounds, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote for a committee to Join a committee of the Senate to consider what Public business is yet necessary to be done at this Session, and at what time and to what time and place this Court shall be adjourned; also to consider what allowance shall be made the members of the Honourable Senate and house of Representatives and their officers for their travel and attendance this Session, was brought up read and concurred: Mr Atkinson, Mr Payne and Mr McDuffee joined.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider of the account of Eliphalet Baldwin and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred, Mr Bellows and Mr Webster joined.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider of the petition of Jonathan Chase, and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred, Mr McClary Mr Bellows and Mr Payne joined.

A Vote to hear the petition of several of the Inhabitants of Swanzey on the third Thursday of the next Session, was brought up, read and concurred,

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to revise the Militia Laws * Of this State and report * 2 : 163
thereon, was brought up read and concurred, Mr Shepard Mr Wentworth and Mr Payne joined.

A Vote granting the prayer of the petition of Elisha Payne Esquire and Jesse Johnson and giving them leave to bring in a bill accordingly, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote to allow depreciation from the time he inlisted up to April 1778; and that the committee on depreciation govern themselves accordingly, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote to grant the prayer of the petition of Elisha Brown Esqr and giving him leave to bring in a bill accordingly, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote for a committee to Join a committee of the Senate to consider of the petition of Ezra Child and all Similar matters, was brought up, read and concurred. Mr Payne and Mr Baker joined.

A Vote granting the prayer of the petition of Jonathan Chapman and giving him leave to bring in a bill accordingly, was brought up, read and concurred.

Adjourned 'till to-morrow 8. O'Clock A. M.

SATURDAY, June 17th, 1786—

Met according to adjournment.
Present as Yesterday.
Adjourned 'till Monday next 3. O'Clock, P. M.

* 2 : 164 * MONDAY, June 19th 1786—

Met according to adjournment.

Present all the Senate except Honorable John Bell, Otis Baker, J. M'Duffee, and E. Webster Esquires.

A Vote for the regulation of Post Riders, was brought up read and concurred, reconsidered and concurred with this amendment that the rout of the western post be reversed every fortnight. Sent down for concurrence, brought up concurred.

A Resolve that the Honorable Charles Johnston and Jeremiah Page Esquires and Moses Chase Esqr be a committee to run out all such lines as may be necessary to be run in order to settle and Establish the Lines and boundaries between sundry Townships agreeably to their respective Charters and find the same by certain monuments &c. was brough[t] up, read and concurred.

A Vote that Benjamin Biggelow have and receive thirty pounds to be by him accounted for as agent victular for the Troops of New-Castle, was brought up, read and concurred, warrant granted.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider of the petition of Phebe Colburn and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred, Mr Bellows and Mr Payne joined.

In Senate, June 19th 1786.

Whereas it appears that raising Independent Companies
* 2 : 165 of Light Horse greatly * Interfere with and obstructs the compleating the regiments of Light Horse in this State.

Therefore *Voted* that his Excellency the President with advice of Council be requested to recall commissions already issued for raising such Independant companies. And that his Excelly the President

be desired to prevent any commissions for that purpose being issued untill the further order of the General Court. Sent down for concurrence. Brought up concurred.

An Act to vest the United States in Congress assembled with full power to regulate commerce, having been read a third time, *voted* that the same be enacted.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider the memoral of Nahum Baldwin Esquire and report thereon was brought up, read and concurred, Mr Payne joined.

A Vote to hear the petition of Samuel Adams on the third Thursday of the next Session, was brought up read and concurred.

A Vote that Mr Betton be added to the committee for draughting Public bills was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote to pay the Account of Robert Gerrish amounting to £69..3..4 for printing Journals of Senate Acts of February Session, was brought up, read and concurred, warrant granted.

* A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider of the petition and account of Joshua Young issuing commissary, and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred, Mr Payne and Mr Bellows joined. * 2 : 166

An Act to empower Sarah Catharine Moffat Widow to make partition of lands in Tuftonborough belonging to her minor Children and to sell certain Lands for their support and Education, having been read a third time, *Voted* that the same be enacted.

Adjourned 'till to-morrow 8 O'Clock. —

TUESDAY, June 20th 1786—

Met according to adjournment.

Present all the Senate except the Hon. John Bell Esq.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider of the Laws Respecting the Sale of the Estate of Persons Deceased for the payment of Debts and report such alterations as they may judge necessary, was brought up, read and concurred: Mr Thornton and Mr Atkinson joined.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to take under consideration sundry bills which passed the House last Session and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred: Mr Atkinson and Mr Payne joined.

A Vote for a committee to Join a committee to consider of the petition of John Grandy; also to consider whether any alterations are necessary to be made in the act to * Prevent the bodies of Debtors from being taken on Execu- * 2 : 167

tion &c. and report thereon was brought up, read and concurred; Mr Wentworth and Mr Bellows joined.

An Act in addition to, an amendment of an act for the more expeditious method of making partition of land and other real estate held in commons, having been read a third time, *Voted* that the same be enacted.

A Vote to allow Isaac Williams twenty three pounds two shillings and eight pence in full for his account as issuing Commissary, was brought up, read and concurred, warrant granted.

A Vote to hear the petition of John Clark of Londonderry on the third Thursday of their next Session was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider of the petition of Jonathan Clark and report thereon, was brought up read and concurred, Mr Shepard joined.

A Vote that his Excellency with advice of Council be desidered to appoint such person or persons as they may judge proper to be employed as Post Riders agreeably to a vote of the General Court passed this Session, was brough[t] up read and concurred.

A Vote to postpone the hearing on the petition of the Selectmen of Hillsborough to the second Tuesday of their next Session, was brought up, read and concurred.

* 2 : 168 * A Vote for a committee to join a committee to wait on the Reverend Doctor Haven and present him with the thanks of the General Court for his performance at Concord, and reques of him a Copy of the discourse delivered on the 8th of June current in order to have it printed, was brought up, read and concurred, Mr Wentworth and Mr Atkinson joined.

An Act to empower Joseph Parker to sell certain lands and buildings in New-Ipswich, having been read a third time, *Voted* that the same be enacted.

An Act to empower Mary Conner to sell a Lot of Land therein described, having been read a third time, *voted* that the same be enacted.

A Vote to postpone the hearing on the petition of John Dustin till Friday next, was brought up read and concurred.

A Vote for a committee to Join a committee of the Senate to consider of the petition of Isaac Tucker and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred, Mr Gilman and Mr Bellows joined.

A Vote on the petition of Jonathan Elkins, that the Judgment and all subsequent proceedings be nullified that the petitioner be restored to his Law and have leave to bring in a bill accordingly, was brough[t] up, read and concurred.

Adjourned to 8 O'Clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21st 1786.

* 2 : 169 * Present as Yesterday

A Vote hear the petition of Jonathan Parker Junr on the second Tuesday of their next Session was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote so far granting the prayer of the petition of John Roche as that the default be taken off and that the said Roche be authorized to appear and defend to final Judgment and Execution in behalf of Robert Rogers and that the petitioner have leave to bring in a bill accordingly, was brought up, read and concurred.

An Act to empower Nathaniel Hall and Ebenezer Brewster administrators to the Estate of Ebenezer Green, late of Lyme in the County of Grafton Esquire Deceased to collect the excise in the County of Grafton for the year 1786. having been read a third time, *Voted* that the same be enacted.

A Vote allowing £20 each, to several Towns for procuring Soldiers, was brought up, read and non cononcurred.

A Vote to allow the Town of Hampton, £47..1..6 for Interest due on Extent &c. was brought up, read and non-concurred.

A Vote to hear the petition of John Clark in behalf of Northwood on the second Tuesday of their next Session, was brough[t] up read and concurred.

A Vote that Nahum Baldwin have liberty to pay and discharge the execution against him for the palance of the account

* Already settled with Interest from the time of Settle- * 2 : 170
ment with the Court of Probate in State Notes (or Securities) was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote to hear the petition of Jonathan Gove this day was brought up, read and concurred, with this amendment, that the hearing be on the third Wednesday of the next Session of the General Court ; and that in the mean time the petitioner cause the substance of the petition and order of Court thereon to be published three Weeks successively in one of the New-Hampshire Newspapers, and also in the paper printed at Windsor in Vermont that any person or persons may then appear and shew cause if any they have why the prayer of said petition should not be granted, Sent down for concurrence by Mr M'Duffee.

A Vote to grant the prayer of the petition of David Croser and that the petitioner have leave to bring in a bill accordingly, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider in what manner the Extent for the deficiencies of the rum Tax

in 1781 shall be collected and what shall be received for pay, and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred; Mr Bellows and Mr Gilman joined.

An Act to encourage the manufacturing of Linseed Oil within State, having been read a third time, *Voted* that the same be enacted.

Adjourned 'till to-morrow 8. O'Clock, A. M.

THURSDAY, JULY [JUNE] 22nd, 1786.

* 2 : 171 *Meet according to adjournment.

Present as Yesterday.

A Vote to hear the petition of the Inhabitants of Pelham on the second Wednesday of the next Session, was brought up, read and concurred.

An Act to prevent the destruction of Salmon in Ammonusick River, having been read a third time, *Voted* that the same be enacted.

A Vote that Noah Sinclare receive 15/ Pr Month as an Invalid to begin at the time his whole pay ceased till further order, was brought up read and concurred.

A Vote to postpone the hearing on the petitions of Elisha Payne Esquire David Clough and George Clark, on the third Wednesday of their next Session, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote to pospone the hearing on the petition of Jacob Doyne 'till to-morrow, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote appointing a committee to proceed to Goffstown at the expence of Thomas Stevens and view the Land & buildings now in the possession of Moses Little Esqr which said Stevens pray'd to be put in possession of and report, was brought up read and concurred.

A Vote that Nehemiah Peirce is entitled to half pay from the time his whole pay ceased, till further order, was brought up, read and concurred.

* 2 : 172 A Vote appointing a committee to proceed * To Weare at the Expence of the petitioner of the Easterly part of said Town and report their opinion Respecting a Division of said Town, was brought up, read and concurred.

An Act to authorize Richard Smith of Seabrook to collect certain Taxes therein mentioned, having been read a third time, *Voted* that the same be enacted.

An Act to restore Jonathan Elkins to his Law having been read a third time, *voted*, that the same be enacted.

An Act to alter the holding the annual Town Meeting in the Town of Bedford, having been read a third time, *Voted* that the same be enacted.

An Act to empower Samuel Pillsbury, to compleat a return on an Execution levied on certain lands in Londonderry, having been read a third time, *voted*, that the same be enacted.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider of a Letter from the Treasurer June 21st 1786 and report thereon, was brought up read and concurred, Mr Gilman and Mr Atkinson joined.

A Vote granting the prayer of the petition of Allen Willard and that he have leave to bring in a bill accordingly at this or the next Session, brought up read and concurred.

A Vote to accept the report of the committee on Table of Fees and that a committee for draughting public bills prepare and Lay before this house a bill for carrying the same into effect, was brought up read and concurred.

A Vote granting the prayer of the petition * Of Laban * 2 : 173
Gates and giving him leave to bring in a bill accordingly
at this or the next Session, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider of the petition of James Rundlett, Also the petition of Enoch Barker and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred: Mr McClary Mr Baker and Mr Thornton joined.

A Resolve, that the Treasurer be directed to receive from persons residing in this State such Continental bills as may be brought into the Treasury before the first day of February next, provided they will swear that such bills were actually in possession of and owned by some Citizen of this State on the 22d of June 1786 &c. &c. was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote to hear the petition of Elizabeth Wallingford on the third Thursday of the next Session, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote, that the Town of Chesterfield be allowed out of the fines against said Town for deficiencies of Men £72 for Silas Roy a Soldier not returned for any Town. And that the Treasurer credit said Town accordingly, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote to hear the petition from Sutton and New London, on third Wednesday of their next Session, was brought up read and concurred.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee * Of the * 2 : 174
Senate to consider of the petition of General John Stark
and report thereon was brought up, read and concurred, Mr Bellows and Mr McDuffee joined.

A Vote granting the prayer of the petition of David Bagley and that his Excellency give a new order for £60. was brought up, read and concurred.

Adjourned 'till to morrow 8 O'Clock A. M.

FRIDAY, JUNE 23d 1786.

Met according to adjournment.
Present as Yesterday.

An Act to prevent unnecessary costs to debtors by creditors bringing actions of Debt on Judgment where such creditors might have availed themselves of Executions on the same Judgments, was read a third time, *Voted*, that the same be enacted.

A Vote granting the prayer of the petition of Daniel Richardson and that the Treasurer be directed to receive the said final settlements as though the Interest had not been paid thereon, was brought up, read and non-concurred.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider of the petition of Lydia Wallingford and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred, Mr Thornton joined.

An Act to encourage the Importation of Drugs and wood used in dying Cloths, Artificers tools, Spanish Wool, raw Silk and other raw materials, having been read a third time, *Voted* that the same be enacted.

* 2 : 175 * An Act to empower John Roche to appear and defend a suit now pending at the Inferior Court in Amherst, brought by Joseph Blanchard against Robert Rogers Esquire, having been read a third time, *Voted* that the same be enacted.

A Vote to pay the account of the Honorable John Calf, Esqr amounting to seven pounds eleven shillings and two pence for recording warrant granted.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee to consider of the petition of the Honorable John Bellow Esquire and all Similar matters and report thereon, was brought up read and concurred, Mr Wentworth and Mr Payne joined.

A Vote to pay the Account of Ebenezer Thompson Esqr and Joseph Pearson amounting to £54..12..0 was brought up, read and concurred, warrant granted.

A Vote granting the prayer of the petition of Mary and Asa Robinson and giving them leave to bring in a bill accordingly at this or the next Session, was brought up read and concurred.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to prepare an address to be presented to his Excellency for the removal of Nathaniel Peabody Esquire, from the command of the Brigadier General of the light horse in this State, was brought up, read and concurred: Mr Baker and Mr Payne joined

An Act for the Support of Invalids, having been read a third time, *voted* that the Same be enacted.

*A Vote to pay the Account of Edward Livermore *2:176
amounting to eighteen Shillings for engrossing Acts, was
brought up, read and concurred, warrant granted.

A Resolve, that any person or persons holding this States Notes on Interest have Liberty to bring in said Notes to the Treasurer who is hereby directed to receive the same and issue Certificates therefor, which certificates shall be received in payment of all taxes prior to the year 1786, was brought up, read and Non-concurred.

An Act for the appointment of Special Justices, having been read a third time, *Voted* that the same be enacted. Sent down for concurrence by by Mr Webster, brought up, concurred.

A Vote accepting the report of the committee on the petition of John Dustin viz. that the prayer thereof is so far granted, that he have liberty of the oath for the Ease and relief of prisoners for debt if nothing shall appear to the Justices before whom he may be admitted to swear, more than the creditor or his Attorney or agent holding a Deed as mentioned in his petition, was brought up, read and concurred.

An Act in Explication of an Act to prevent the bodies of debtors from being taken on execution when real or personal Estate can be found or is tendered to satisfy demand, having been read a third time, *Voted*, that the same be enacted.

A Resolve, that Daniel Gile a Deputy Sheriff &c. at Keen toward John Grandy Junr in Goal for debt is contriary to an act
of said State &c. *And that said Gile or the keeper of *2:177
said Goal be directed to receive of said Grandy, any real
or personal Estate which said Grand may tender &c. was brought up, read and concurred.

An Act to empower Constables to serve all writs, preciepts and executions, having been read a third time, *Voted* that that the same be Non-concurred.

A Vote that John Pickering Esquire be apponted agent to call on the Comptroller of Accounts and obtain information of the balances due from Individuals and to call on said Individuals in the course of Law, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote that the Treasurer Issue Extents for outstanding Taxes &c. was brough[t] up, read and concurred.

IN SENATE June 23^d 1786

a petition of a number of Towns on Connecticut River, was read and recommended to the Honorable House for their consideration.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider of the petition of Jedediah Sanger and others and report thereon, was brought up, read and non-concurred.

Adjourned till to morrow 7. O'Clock, A. M.

SATURDAY, JUNE 24th 1786.

Met according to adjournment.
Present as Yesterday

A Resolve that the operation of the act entit[l]ed an act
* 2 : 178 for the regulation of Navigation and commerce passed *June
23d 1785 be and hereby is suspended till all the States in the Union pass similar acts, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote to accept of the report of the committee to devise standards for the Troops of this State, was brought up, read and concurred.

An Act to encourage the importation of coined Gold and Silver into this State, was read a third time, and *voted*, that the same be enacted.

A Vote that his Excellency the President be desired to write to the President of Congress for the Checks on Notes commonly called final Settlements, or copies of the original Records or both as he shall think proper &c. &c. was brought up, read and concurred.

An Act to restore David Coser to his Law having been read a third time, *Voted* that the same be enacted.

A Vote, giving instructions to the committee to enquire whether any of the unimproved Lands in the State, are the property of said State or not, was brought, read and concurred.

A Resolve appointing Absolum Peters to call a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Warren, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote to pay Josiah Gilman Esquire £88..3..6 amount of account for sett[l]eing depreciation to June 1786, was brought up, read and concurred, warrant granted.

A Vote to pay Joseph Cutler fifteen pounds in State Se-
* 2 : 179 curity in full for an horse lost * At Rhode Island, was brought up, read and concurred, warrant granted.

An Act to vest the exclusive right of keeping a ferry over Connecticut River in Allen Willard, his heirs and assigns, having been read a third time, *voted* that the same be enacted.

An Act to restore Laban Gates to his Law in a certain action, having been read a third time, *voted*, that the same be enacted.

A Vote that the Committee viz. John Mc Duffee Charles Johnsston Archabald McMurphey Daniel Emerson and Jeremiah Stiles Esquires have and receive out of the Treasury five pounds each in order to furnish them to proceed on the Business assigned them, was brough[t] up, read and Concurred, warrant granted.

An Act in amendment of an addition to an Act entitled an act to prevent the destruction of Salmon, Shad, and Alewives in Merri-

mac River passed the ninth day of April AD 1784, having been read a third time, *Voted*, that the same be enacted, brought up, concurred.

A Vote to pay the balance of the account of Benjamin Hannaford for the election Dinner, amounting to £5..2..8 was brought up, read and concurred warrant granted.

A Vote accepting the report of the committee on the petition of Ezra Child agent for bath, was brought up, read and concurred, excepting the forty pounds for building of forts &c.

* A Vote that the members of the Honorable Senate * 2 : 180
and house of Representatives and their Officers have the
same allowance for travel and attendance at this Session as was allowed last year &c, was brought up, read and concurred.

An Act for forming and regulating the Militia within this State and for repealing all the Laws heretofore made for that purpose, having been read a third time, *voted* that the same be enacted.

Adjourned to Monday next 10, O'Clock A. M.

MONDAY, June 26th 1786.

Met according to adjournment.
Present as Yesterday.

A Vote appointing a committee to take under consideration sundry petitions praying for an allowance for expenditures in the late war; also the petition of Nathaniel Rogers, for losses at the Cedars, and all similar matters, and to report at the next Session, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote appointing John Sparhawk Esqr and the Honorable John Langdon Esqr a committee to agree with the printers to print Journals &c. &c. was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote that his Excellency with advice of Council be desired to adjourn the General Court to the first Wednesday in January next then to meet at Exeter, was brought up, read and concurred with this amendment, that they adjourn to Portsmouth instead of Exeter, reconsidered, and non-concurred.

* A Vote, that the President with advice of Council be * 2 : 181
requested to appoint a day of public thanksgiving, was sent
down for concurrence: broug[ht] up concurred.

Adjourned to 8. O'Clock A. M.

TUESDAY, June 27th, 1786.

Met according to adjournment.
Present as Yesterday.

A Vote for a committee to Join a committee of the Senate to consider of the requisition of Congress of the 27 of September 1785,

and report their opinion respecting the collecting and payment of the Facilities required, was brought up, read and concurred, Mr Wentworth Mr Gilman and Mr Bellows joined.

A Vote appointing Honorable Nicholas Gilman Esquire a Deligate to represent this State in the Congress of the United States for the term of one year from and after the first Monday in November next was brought up, read and concurred.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE. } IN SENATE JUNE 27th, 1786.

Resolved that the Treasurer of the State and the commissioners of continental Accounts be and hereby are impowered to pursue such measures as they may Judge most expedient relative to for taking in final settlement securities; and also for issuing out or disposing of any Interest Certificates, now in the Treasury and render an Account of their proceedings to the General Court at the next Ses-
* 2 : 182 sion and that *They from time to time advise with the President and Council upon the measures to be adopted. Sent down for concurrence, brought up concurred.

A Resolve that the president with advice of Council be impowered and requested to contract with a post Rider or Riders to travel through this State, was brought up read and concurred.

An Act for repealing certain acts of this State passed prior to the 4th day of March last for levying duties on impost, tonnage and poundage and for raising powder and light Money. Sent down for concurrence by Mr Webster.

A Vote to hear the petition of Charles Clapham on the second Tuesday of their next Session, was brough[t] up, read and concurred.

A Vote that each and every person presenting a petition to the General Court in future shall pay to the Clerk of said Court one Dollar for each petition so presented and received and that the Clerk be accountable for the money, was brought up, read and concurred.

An Act for appropriating certain monies arising by Acts of this State, having been read a third time, *Voted* that the same be enacted.

A Vote that when the Business of this Session is finished that his Excellency the President with advice of Council be desired to adjourn the General Court to the second Wednesday In November next then to meet at Exeter was brought up read and unanimously concurred with this amendment that the General Court meet at Exeter on the first Wednesday of September Next. Sent down for concurrence, brough[t] up concurred.

* 2 : 183 * In Senate, June 27th 1786.

Resolved that upon every petition brough[t] the Senate on any private affair in which any individuals were interested, the person preferring the same, shall before it is read in the Senate pay to the Secretary the sum of six Shillings for which he is accountable. Sent down for concurrence, by Mr Gilman, brought up concurred.

A Vote that the Treasurer be directed to issue Certificates for 25 pr Cent was brought up read and Non-concurred.

A Vote to pay James Norris eight pounds eigteen shillings and eight pence, was brought up, read and concurred, warrant granted.

A Vote that Christopher Toppan and Josiah Gilman Esquires be a committee to agree with Colonel Samuel Hobart to granulate the ungranulated powder now in the hands of said Hobart provided he will do it a price they may think reasonable and receive part thereof for his pay, was brought up, read and concurred.

An Act to enable Mary and Asa Robinson of Pembroke to sell the real Estate of Peter Robinson who is incompetent to do the same, was read a third time, and *voted*, that the same be enacted.

A Vote to pay William Duncan twenty four shillings amount of his account for candles &c. was brought up, read and concurred; warrant granted.

A Vote appointing Lemuel Holmes Esqr * One of the * 2 : 184
committee on the petition of Cornish &c. in the room and
stead of Major Robert Wallace, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote to pay the account of Caleb Buswell amounting to four pounds ten shillings as messenger to the Honorable house, was brough[t] up, read and concurred, warrant granted.

His Excellency the President sent the Secretary to the House to acquaint them, that he, with advice of of Council, had adjourned the General Court to the first Wednesday in September next to meet at Exeter at 3 O'Clock P. M.

Attest Joseph Pearson Secy.

JOURNAL

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONTAINING THE PROCEEDINGS FROM

JUNE 7 TO JUNE 27, 1786.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FOR THE YEAR 1786-7.

HON. JOHN SULLIVAN, Durham, *Speaker*, (June 7 to June 9).

HON. JOHN LANGDON, Portsmouth, *Speaker*, (From June 9, when Mr. Sullivan was declared elected President, and vacated the speakership).

JOHN CALFE, Hampstead, *Clerk*.

MOSES SHAW, Kensington, *Assistant Clerk*.

REV. SAMUEL HAVEN, D. D., Portsmouth,
REV. JOSEPH BUCKMINSTER, Portsmouth,
REV. ISAAC MANSFIELD, Exeter.
} *Chaplains*.

REPRESENTATIVES.

(From Osborne's N. H. Register, 1787.)

Portsmouth	Hon. John Langdon, Esq. John Pickering, Esq. John Sparhawk, Esq.
Exeter	Mr. Ephraim Robinson.
Londonderry	Col. Daniel Runnels. Archibald McMurphy, Esq.
Chester	Capt. John Underhill.
Rye	Samuel Jenness, Esq.
North Hampton	Col. Moses Leavitt.
Hampton	Christopher Toppan, Esq.

Hamptonfalls, Seabrook	Ens. Elisha Brown.
Stratham	Col. Mark Wiggin.
Kensington	Mr. Moses Shaw.
South Hampton, East Kingston	Joseph Merrill, Esq.
Kingston	Solomon Wheeler, Esq.
Epping	Mr. Jonathan Elliott.
Nottingham	Lt. Jno. Gile.
Deerfield	Mr. Moses Barnard.
Chichester, Pittsfield	John Cram, Esq.
Canterbury, Northfield	Mr. Asa Foster.
Concord	Mr. Jno. Bradley.
Pembroke	Samuel Daniels, Esq.
Candia	Col. Nathaniel Emerson.
Hawke, Sandown	Moses Hook, Esq.
Atkinson, Plaistow	Col. Joseph Welch.
Salem	Capt. Amos Dow.
Windham	James Betton, Esq.
Pelham	James Gibson, Esq.
Dover	Col. Jno. Waldron.
Durham	Ebenezer Thompson, Esq.
Somersworth	John Rollings, Esq.
Rochester	James Knowles, Esq.
Barrington	Maj. Samuel Hale.
Gilmanton	Col. Joseph Badger.
Lee	Dr. James Brackett.
Sandwich, Tamworth	Daniel Beede, Esq.
Moultonboro', Tuftonboro'	. . . . .
Wolfboro', Ossipee	Capt. Nathaniel Ambrose.
Barnstead, New Durham	Mr. Jonathan Chesley.
Wakefield, Middletown, Effingham	Simeon Dearborn, Esq.

Conway, Eaton, Burton, Locations	Col. Andrew McMillan.
Nottingham West	Samuel Marsh, Esq.
Dunstable	Col. Noah Lovell.
Merrimack	Capt. William Barron.
Bedford	Mr. Stephen Dole.
Goffstown	Lieu. William Page.
Hollis	Daniel Emerson, Esq.
Amherst	Maj. Robert Means.
Raby, Mason	Benjamin Mann, Esq.
New Ipswich	Dr. John Preston.
Wilton	Col. Philip Putnam.
Lyndeborough	Levi Spalding, Esq.
Temple, Peterboro' Slip	Francis Cragin, Esq.
Peterboro' Society Land	Capt. Samuel Cunningham.
Hancock, Antrim, Deering	John Duncan, Esq.
Henniker, Hillsboro'	Maj. Robert Wallace.
Weare	Capt. George Hadley.
Hopkinton	Aaron Greeley, Esq.
Dunbarton, Bow	Mr. James Clement.
Salisbury	Capt. Robert Smith.
Boscawen	George Jackman, Esq.
Fishersfield, Sutton, Warner	Zephaniah Clark, Esq.
Charlestown	John Hubbard, Esq.
Alstead	Absalom Kingsbury, Esq.
Keene	Capt. Jeremian Stiles.
Swanzey	Mr. Abraham Rendall.
Richmond	Mr. Jonathan Gaskell.
Jaffrey	Mr. John Gilmore.
Winchester	Capt. Daniel Ashley.
Westmoreland	Capt. Samuel Works.
Chesterfield	Moses Smith, Esq.
Walpole	Enoch Hale, Esq.
Claremont	Mr. Sanford Kingsbury.

Cornish Grantham	Mr. Dudley Chase.
Newport Croydon	Mr. Jeremiah Jenks.
Acworth Lempster Marlow	Mr. Silas Mack.
Surry Gilsum	Mr. Lemuel Holmes.
Stoddard Washington	Capt. Jacob Copeland.
Dublin Packersfield	Stephen Ames, Esq.
Fitzwilliam	Samuel Kendall, Esq.
Plainfield	Maj. Joseph Kimball.
Holderness Campton Thornton Lincoln Franconia	Hercules Mooney, Esq.
Plymouth Rumney Wentworth	Capt. Absalom Peters.
New Chester Alexandria Cockermouth	Joshua Tolford, Esq.
Enfield Canaan Cardigan Dorchester Grafton	Jesse Johnson, Esq.
Hanover	Capt. Aaron Storrs.
Lebanon	Maj. Edmund Freeman.
Lyme Orford	Joseph Skinner, Esq.
Haverhill Piermont Warren Coventry	Moses Dow, Esq.
Bath Lyman Landaff [Littleton] Concord Dalton	Maj. John Young.

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OF THE

HON.BL HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OF THE

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

At their Session began and held at Concord, on Wednesday the Seventh Day of June, Anno Domini 1786, *and in the Tenth Year of the Independence of America.*

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 1786.

Seventy of the members elected, met, and after producing the returns of their [choice] having been chosen, and taking the necessary oaths, proceeded to the choice of a chairman, and John Pickering, Esq. was chosen for that purpose.

Motion was then made for [They then proceeded to the choice of] a Speaker, and the ballots being taken and counted, it appeared that the honourable John Sullivan, Esq. was chosen Speaker.

Motion was then made for the choice of a Clerk, and the ballots being taken, it appeared that John Calfe, Esq. was chosen Clerk.

The honourable Senate and House being met in the assembly chamber proceeded to count the votes for a President, and after taking down in a list [counting] the votes from the County of Rockingham, agreed to adjourn to 7 o'clock to-morrow morning.

[The House then adjourned to 7 o'Clock to morrow morning.]

THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 1786.

The House met according to adjournment.

The honourable Senate and House being met in the assembly chamber, proceeded to count the remainder of the votes, [and finished the list] in the presence of both houses. A committee was then appointed to examine and compare the returns with the list made in presence of the said two houses, and report whether there be any mistake in said list. The two houses then adjourned 'till the afternoon [to 4 o Clock P M]

The House then adjourned to 4 o'clock P. M. Met accordingly, and being joined by the honourable Senate, after some debate, the two branches adjourned to 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

On motion being made for the choice of an Assistant Clerk, Mr. Moses Shaw was chosen for that purpose.

The house then proceeded to examine the returns of members from the several towns and districts.

Adjourned to 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

* 13 : 115 *FRIDAY, JUNE 9, 1786.

The House met according to adjournment.

Proceeded to examine the remainder of the returns of the members of the honourable House [from the Several Towns &c]

The honourable Senate and House being again met in the assembly chamber, the committee appointed to re-examine the returns for a President made the following report, viz,—

The committee appointed to ascertain the number of votes for President of this state, having compared the returns with the entries in the Secretary's record thereof find them to agree. The committee have likewise re-cast the number of votes returned and entered, and find the whole amount to be eight thousand five hundred and sixty seven, three thousand and six hundred of which were for his Excellency John Langdon, Esq. and four thousand, three hundred and nine for the honourable John Sullivan, Esq. the remainder, being six hundred and fifty eight were for sundry persons ; so it appears to your committee that the honourable John Sullivan, Esq. is elected President by a majority of fifty-one votes.

The honourable Senate then withdrew, and the House [then] proceeded to the choice of a Speaker pro tempore, and John Sparhawk, was chosen for that purpose.

The honourable Senate returned, and the necessary oaths were administered to his Excellency John Sullivan, Esq. as President, by the

honourable John M'Clary, Esq. senior senator, and the said senior senator declared before both houses of legislature that his Excellency JOHN SULLIVAN, Esq. was duly elected President of this state for the ensuing year by the free suffrages of the people.

The Senate then withdrew, and the House proceeded to the choice of a Speaker, as the chair had become vacant by the removal of his Excellency John Sullivan, Esq. and the ballots being taken for that purpose, the honourable John Langdon Esq. was unanimously chosen Speaker of this House.

The honourable Senate again returned and joined in committee for filling up the vacancies in the honourable Senate, and the honourable George Atkinson, and the honourable John Bell, Esquires, were elected to fill up the vacancies in the county of Rockingham. The honourable Ebenezer Webster, Esq. for the county of Hillsborough. —The honourable Amos Shepard, Esq. for the county of Cheshire, and the honourable Elisha Payne, Esq. for the county of Grafton. The Senate then withdrew, *and the House *13:116 proceeded to business.

Voted, That the honourable Mr. Langdon, Col. Waldron, Doctor [Mr] Preston. Mr. Kingsbury and General Dow, be a committee to prepare and lay before this House rules to be observed for the future regulation thereof.

Upon reading and considering the petition of Elizabeth Wentworth, praying for liberty to convey her estate to her children and grandchildren, who are absent from this state, *Voted*, That the prayer thereof be granted, and that she have leave to bring in a bill accordingly.

[Sent up by Majr Young]

Upon reading and considering the petition of Joshua Copp, Esq. and others,[1] respecting the choice of town officers in the town of Warren at their last annual meeting, *Voted*, That the petitioners have leave to bring in a [Bill or] resolve to establish the proceedings at said meeting as far as it respects the choice of town officers.

[Sent up by Mr Jenness.]

Voted, That Col. Toppan, Mr. Dearborn, Col. Welch, Major Young, and Dr. Bracket, with such of the honourable senate as they shall join be a committee to consider of the petition of the selectmen of Portsmouth and report thereon. [Sent up by Majr Hale.]

Adjourned to 3 o'clock P. M.

Met accordingly.

Voted, That Doctor Preston, Doctor Brackett, Mr. Mann, Captain Ashley and Mr. Jenness, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Archibald

1. xiii. Ham Town Papers, 624.

McMillan; also [of] all petitions of sick and wounded officers and soldiers, and report thereon.— [Sent up by Col° Wiggin.]

Upon a hearing respecting members returned by the town of Concord, to serve in the General Court the ensuing year, *Voted,* That it is the opinion of this house that neither of the members returned were legally chosen, therefore are not entitled to a seat in this House, and that notice be given to the selectmen of Concord, that their seat in the House of Representatives has become vacant; and that they have liberty to call a meeting for the choice of a representative to represent said town in the General Court until the first
* 13 : 117 Wednesday in June next, they, *(the said selectmen) giving legal notice of the time, place and design of said meeting.

The honourable Senate and House being again met in the assembly chamber for the purpose of electing officers, agreeably to the constitution, proceeded to the choice of counsellors, and the ballots being taken, it appeared that the honourable Joshua Wentworth, Esq. was chosen a counsellor.

The ballots being again taken it appeared that the honourable Amos Shepard, Esq. was chosen [Counsellor.] The ballots being again taken [it appeared that] the honourable John Langdon, Esq. was chosen [Counsellor,] who declining to accept, the ballots were again taken and [it appeared that] the honourable Robert Means, Esq. was chosen [Counsellor.] The ballots being again taken [it appeared that] the honourable Christopher Toppan, Esq. was chosen [counsellor.] The ballots being [were] again taken, [it appeared that] the honourable Moses Dow, Esq. was chosen [Counsellor.]

The ballots were then called for the choice of a Secretary and [it appeared that] Joseph Pearson, Esq. was chosen for that purpose.

The [honourable] Senate and House then adjourned [agreed to adjourn] until to-morrow.

The House then adjourned to 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 1786.

The House met according to adjournment.

Upon reading and considering the petition of James Saunders, praying to be restored to his law in a certain action, *Voted,* That the petitioner be heard thereon before the General Court on the third Wednesday of their next session and that in the meantime the petitioner cause that Dr. Thaddeus Butler be served with a copy of the petition and order of court thereon, or that the said copy and order be seasonably left at his last and usual place of abode, that he may

then appear and shew cause (if any he hath) why the prayer thereof may not be granted, and that the cause now pending at the Superior Court between said parties be continued till the decision of the General Court. [Sent up by Maj^r Young.]

Upon reading and considering the petition of John Glidden, praying to be restored to his law, *Voted*, That the petitioner be heard thereon before the General Court on the third Wednesday of their next session and that in the mean time the petitioner cause that the adverse party be served with a copy of the petition and order of court [thereon], that [the] said adverse party may then appear and shew cause (if any they have) why the prayer thereof may not be granted. [Sent up by Maj^r Young.]

* His Excellency's message was in the following words : *13 : 118

Gentlemen of the honorable Senate and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives.

The free and unsolicited suffrages of my fellow citizens having called me to the chief seat of government at a time when our trade is embarrassed, our finances deranged, and for want of a sufficiency of circulating cash, even the requisitions of Congress but in part complied with, duty and inclination lead me to recommend for your consideration those measures which appear to be most likely to promote the public good ; and to join you in adopting and enforcing such as you shall judge best calculated to preserve the publick faith, to encourage industry and frugality, and to relieve the people from their present difficulties.

To answer which purposes, if any measures more effectual than promoting agriculture, discouraging the consumption of foreign luxuries ; encouraging the manufactures of our own country, and giving [a] free course to the exportation of those articles which our soil or [and] industry may produce, had offered themselves to my view I should have proposed them for your deliberation, but as those will probably prove the most efficacious I beg leave to call your attention to objects so worthy of your notice, in full confidence that your wisdom will direct to such laws and regulations as will answer the expectations of your constituents, and advance the interest of our common country.

The laws now in force respecting navigation and commerce being thought by some to militate with publick commercial treaties, and supposed by others not calculated to answer the good purposes for which they were intended, may deserve your serious consideration.

The unfortunate events which prevented the sale of lumber the last year, occasions large quantities, manufactured before passing the late act for regulating the size thereof, to remain still in the hands of the

industrious labourers and honest purchasers, and cannot now be exported or disposed of without violating said act, perhaps the injury which individuals must suffer by the operation of that law at this time may merit a suspension of it to some future period.

The opening roads and encouraging an intercourse between the several parts of this state are objects which I persuade myself will be deemed too important to pass unnoticed.

* 13 : 119 * As our national character and even our political existence depend, in [a] great measure, upon the [a] punctual compliance with the requisitions of Congress, nothing can be more necessary than [the] adopting measures which will answer the demands and wishes of that honourable body, with as little delay as the nature of things will admit.

As a well regulated militia is the most safe and natural defence of this country, and from its importance merits every possible attention and encouragement; perhaps a review of the military system in this state may deserve your notice at this time.

A revision of the laws of this state, and particularly those which relate to duties on articles imported are too important to escape your observation.

Gentlemen, the well known abilities, and patriotic spirit of the members in the respective branches of the legislature, afford to the publick the most pleasing prospect of the happy effects of their wise deliberations in this session, while their candor encourages me to hope for every necessary aid and constitutional support which the nature of my office may require.

Permit me to assure you, Gentlemen, that the happiness which I feel in meeting members of such knowledge and integrity in this assembly, will be augmented by every opportunity which I may have to prove my readiness to join you in any measures for advancing the interest of the state, and relieving the distresses of our fellow citizens.

Given at the Council Chamber in Concord, the 10th day of June, 1786. JOHN SULLIVAN.

Voted, That Col. Toppan, Col. Waldron, Mr. Preston, Mr. Hubbard and Gen. Dow, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to take under consideration the message of his Excellency the President, this day received, and prepare and lay before this house an answer thereto, also consider what business is necessary to be first entered upon and done at this session and report thereon. [Sent up by Maj^r Hale.]

Voted, That the honourable Mr. Langdon, Col. Toppan, and Major Hale, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a

committee to consider of the petition of John Penhallow, Esq. and others, and report thereon. [Sent up by Maj^r Hale.]

*Upon reading and considering the petition of Captain * 13 : 120
John Roach and Elisabeth Roach, *Voted*, That the petitioners be heard thereon before the General-Court on Tuesday the 20th [day] of June current, and that in the mean time the petitioners cause that Major Joseph Blanchard be served with a copy of the petition and order of Court thereon, that he may then appear and shew cause, [if any he hath] why the prayer thereof may not be granted, and that all further proceedings against the said Rogers, be stayed until the decision of the General Court. [Sent up by Maj^r Hale.]

The honourable Senate and House being again met in the assembly chamber for electing officers, agreeably to the constitution, proceeded to the choice of a Treasurer, and the ballots being taken it appeared that John Taylor Gilman, Esq. was unanimously chosen Treasurer for the ensuing year. They then proceeded to the choice of a Commissary-General, and the ballots being taken it appeared that Col. Supply Clap, was chosen for that purpose. They then adjourned to Monday next, at 4 o'clock P. M., and the House proceeded to business.

Voted, That Col. Leavitt, Mr. Dearborn, and Mr. Duncan, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of the selectmen of Acworth,[1] and all similar matters, and report thereon. [Sent up by Mr Robinson.]

The committee appointed to prepare and lay before this house rules to be observed for the future regulation thereof, reported the following, viz.

1st. That as it is essential to the publick interest, so it shall be considered and enjoined as the incumbent duty of each member of this house seasonably and punctually to attend in his place, and not to absent himself without leave.

2d. That freedom of deliberation, speech and debate in the House be allowed to each member thereof, yet no member shall by speech or behaviour in the House give just occasion of offence to another.

3d. That any member disposed to make a motion or speak to a matter in debate, shall rise from his seat and address the Speaker, but on being called to order by the Speaker or any member, he shall be silent; yet if such silenced member shall conceive himself injured thereby, the Speaker shall take a vote of the house *there- * 13 : 121
on, and such member shall submit to their determination.

4th. No member shall speak more than twice to any subject in debate, until each member have an opportunity to offer his opinion.

1. xi. Ham. Town Papers, 5.

5th. No motion from one member shall be received [or debated] unless seconded by another.

6th. When a motion is regularly before the House, it shall at any time be reduced to writing at the request of a member.

7th. When a motion is before the House, no other motion shall be received, unless to amend, divide, commit, postpone, reduce the same to writing, or to have the yeas and nays entered on the journals.

8th. Any complex motion before the House may be divided at the request of a member.

9th. No bill, resolve or vote, shall be reconsidered when there is a less number of members in the House than there was at the passing the same.

10. When it shall appear that any person returned as a member is not chosen agreeably to the constitution, he shall be dismissed, and the town or district which he came to represent shall be notified thereof in order for a new election.

11th. Every member being present at a debate upon any question or motion, shall give his vote thereupon, unless excused for satisfactory reasons offered to the House.

12th. No member, speaking by permission, shall be interrupted by another, but by a call to order, or for correcting a mistake.

13th. No bill shall pass to be enacted until it has been read three times; shall not be debated [at] the first reading; shall not be read without an adjournment betwixt each time of reading.

14th. No bill, resolve or vote, shall be sent up to the Senate without the Speaker giving notice thereof, by reading such resolve or vote, or the title of the bill, and no bill shall be sent up to the Senate by less than two members.

15th. No member shall be upon more than two committees at the same time without his consent, nor shall any member nominate more than one person for the same committee, provided the person by him nominated shall be chosen, nor shall any after being himself appointed, nominate another for the same committee.

16th. No petition shall be received by the House, but by a member thereof, and upon motion made for that purpose.

* 13 : 122 *17th. No person except a member of the General Court, shall be admitted above the bar of the House, but by the invitation of the Speaker.

18th. The Journals of the House for the preceding day shall be read every morning previous to entering upon new business.

19th. No member of the House shall take himself off from acting as such in order to espouse the cause of a contending party, in the capacity of an advocate, without first obtaining leave of the House for that purpose.

20th. Every non observance of the foregoing rules shall be noticed at the discretion of the House on considering all the circumstances:

Which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted, and that said rules be observed for the future regulation of this House.

Adjourned to Monday next at 3 o'clock P. M.

MONDAY, JUNE 12, 1786.

The House met according to adjournment.

Voted, That Mr. Betton, Col. Putnam, Mr. Emerson, Mr. Sparhawk, and Mr. Hubbard, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Adam Babcock, and report thereon. [Sent up by Mr Stiles.]

Voted, That this House resolve themselves into a committee of the whole, in conjunction with the honourable Senate, if they see fit, to consider of a letter from the honourable Samuel Livermore, Esq. and any other matters they may judge necessary when met.

[Sent up by Mr Stiles.]

Voted, That Col. Welch, Major Hale, and Mr. Gibson, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Captain Amos Dow, and report thereon.

[Sent up by Mr Duncan.]

The following vote came down from the honourable Senate for concurrence:

STATE OF NEW HAMPr } IN SENATE June 12th 1786.

Voted, That Mr. M'Clary and Mr. Shepherd, with such of the honourable House as they shall join, be a committee to devise standards for the respective corps of horse and foot in this state, and report thereon. [was] Read and concurred, and Col. Runnels, Col. Leavitt, Col. Mooney, Col. Waldron, and Col. Putnam joined.

[Sent up by Mr Duncan.]

* Upon reading and considering the petition of David * 13 : 123
Page,[1] Esq. of Conway, representing that [in] the warning for calling a meeting for the choice of a representative to represent the district of Conway, Eaton, Burton and Locations, the warning did not mention the whole of the towns in said district, in consequence of which mistake, no representative was chosen; therefore prayed that the selectmen of Burton might be empowered to call a meeting of [the

1. xi. Ham. Town Papers, 422.

inhabitants of] said district to make choice of a representative to represent them in the General Court of this state the current year; whereupon *Voted*, That the prayer of said petition be granted, and that the selectmen of said Burton have liberty to call a meeting of the inhabitants of said district for the foregoing purpose, they the said selectmen giving legal notice of the time, place and design of said meeting.

Upon reading and considering the petition of Jonathan Elkins, *Voted*, That the petitioner be heard thereon before General Court on Tuesday the 20th day of June current, and that in the mean time the petitioner cause that the adverse party be served with a copy of the petition and order of the Court thereon, that he may then appear and shew cause (if any he hath) why the prayer thereof may not be granted.

The honourable Senate and House being met in committee of the whole, agreeably to a vote of this day, his Excellency John Sullivan Esq. appointed chairman, proceeded to consider of a letter from the honourable Samuel Livermore, Esq. [and came to the following vote:]

Voted, That it is the desire of this committee that the honourable Mr. Livermore proceed to Congress, as soon as he conveniently can, to represent this state in Congress agreeably to his commission for that purpose. Took under consideration a petition from Mr. James MacGregore, and after some debate thereon, agreed to postpone the [further] consideration thereof to some future opportunity. The committee then rose with leave to sit again, and the Speaker P. T. resumed the chair.

The honourable Senate and House being again met for appointing officers, agreeably to the constitution, adjourned till to-morrow.

The house then proceeded to read [the reading of] the publick letters received in the recess of the General Court.

Voted, That Mr. Foster, Col. Runnels, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Betton and Major Wallace, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Martha Wait,[1] and report thereon. [Sent up by Mr Duncan.]

* 13 : 124 * Upon reading and considering the petition of Thomas Stevens, *Voted*, That the petitioner be heard thereon before the General Court on Wednesday the 21st [day] of June current and that in the mean time the petitioner cause that Moses Little, Esq. of Goffestown be served with a copy of the petition and order of court thereon, that he may then appear and shew cause (if any he hath) why the prayer thereof may not be granted.

[Sent up by Mr Holmes.]

1. xi. Ham. Town Papers, 376.

Upon reading and considering the petition of Elisabeth Lamson, praying to be restored to her law in a certain action, *Voted*, That the petitioner be heard thereon before the General Court on the third Wednesday of their next session, and that in the mean time the petitioner cause that Jonathan Tilton, of Kensington, be served with a copy of the petition and order of court thereon, that he may then appear and shew cause (if any he hath) why the prayer thereof may not be granted; and that the execution against said Elisabeth be stayed until the decision of the General Court. [Sent up by Mr Holmes.]

Upon reading and considering the petition of William Thomas, praying for the privilege of a ferry, *Voted*, That the petitioner be heard thereon before the General Court on the third Wednesday of their next session, and that in the mean time the petitioner cause that a copy of the petition and order of court thereon be posted up in some publick place in the town of Chesterfield three weeks successively, that any person or persons may then appear and shew cause (if any they have) why the prayer thereof may not be granted.

[Sent up Mr Chesley.]

Adjourned to 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 1786.

The House met according to adjournment.

Upon reading and considering the petition of the selectmen of Charlestown, praying for the privilege of a ferry; *Voted*, That the petitioners be heard thereon before the General Court on the third Wednesday of their next session, and that in the mean time the petitioners cause that the substance of the petition and order of court thereon, be published three weeks *successively in one of the New Hampshire papers, that any person or persons may then appear and shew cause (if any they have) why the prayer thereof may not be granted. [Sent up by Majr Hale.]

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Voted, That Mr. Robinson, Mr. Marsh and Mr Knowles, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Thomas Davis, and report thereon.

[Sent up by Majr Young.]

Voted, That Mr. Robinson, Mr. Holmes and Mr. Wheeler, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Simeon Dearborn, Esq. and report thereon.

[Sent up by Mr Holmes.]

Voted, That Mr. Gibson, Mr. Pickering, Mr. M'Murphy, Major Wallace, Major Hale, honourable Mr. Langdon, and Mr. Bedee, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to

consider of the petition of Samuel Chase, Esq. and others,[1] inhabitants of the westerly part of this state, also the petition of Joseph Tilden, jun'r. and report thereon. [Sent up by Capt Marsh.]

Upon reading and considering the petition of the selectmen of Packersfield, *Voted*, That the petitioners be heard thereon before the General Court on the third Thursday of the next session, and that in the mean time the petitioners cause that the substance of the petition and order of court thereon, be published three weeks successively in one of the New-Hampshire papers, that any person or persons may then appear and shew cause (if any they have) why the prayer thereof may not be granted. [Sent up Majr Cram.]

Upon reading and considering the petition of the selectmen of Winchester, *Voted*, That the prayer thereof be granted, and that the petitioners have leave to bring in a bill accordingly.

[Sent up by Majr Cram.]

Voted, That Mr. Emerson, Mr. Bedee, and Major Cram ; with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Enoch Richardson and others and report thereon. [Sent up by Mr Duncan.]

Voted, That the pay roll of Capt. Meshech Bell, amounting to eighty pounds, be allowed and paid out of the treasury by order of the President. [Sent up by Doctr Brackett.]

* 13 : 126 * *Voted*, That the account of John Melcher, amounting to three pounds [and] six shillings and four pence, for printing, be allowed and paid out of the treasury by order of the President. [Sent up by Colo Welch.]

Voted, That Mr. M'Murphy, Mr. Ashley, and Mr. Gibson, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the account of Mr. Benjamin Bigelow, and report thereon.

[Sent up by Mr Dole.]

Voted, That Mr. Sparhawk, Major Hale, Mr. Duncan, Capt. Stiles and General Dow, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider what is best to be done with the old continental currency now in the treasury, and in the hands of individuals [of] in this state, and report thereon.

[Sent up by Majr Kimball.]

Voted, That Mr. Pickering, Col. Waldron, Capt. Marsh, Mr. Chase and Major Freeman, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to bring in a bill for regulating the times and places for holding the several courts of Probate within this state.

[Sent up by Majr Kimball.]

Voted, That General Dow, Doctor Bracket, and Mr. Betton, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to

[1] xi. Ham. Town Papers, 452.

consider of the petition of Mary Connor and Joseph Drew, and report thereon. [Sent up by Mr Merrill.]

Upon reading and considering the petition of Thomas Davis, *Voted*, That the petitioner be heard thereon before the General Court on the third Wednesday of their next session, and that in the mean time the petitioner cause that Moses Austin be served with a copy of the petition and order of Court thereon, that he may then appear and shew cause (if any he hath) why the prayer thereof may not be granted. [Sent up by Mr Greeley.]

Whereas an act passed the General Court of this state June 21st 1785, intitled, an act for the admeasurement of boards, and for regulating the tale of shingles, clapboards, hoops and staves, and for other purposes therein mentioned, which act did take place the first day of this present month; and whereas it is now found that large quantities of lumber are now lying * upon hand which * 13 : 127
cannot be exported while this act continues in force; therefore, in order to allow the citizens of this state time to export the lumber now on hand: *Resolved*, that the aforementioned act be, [and hereby is] suspended until the second Wednesday of the next session of the General Court. [Sent up by Mr Jenness.]

Resolved, That the operation of the act, intitled, an act for the regulation of navigation and commerce passed June 23, 1785, be and hereby is suspended till all the states in the union pass similar acts. [Sent up by Majr Wiggin.]

Voted, That Col. Welch, Mr. Sparhawk, Mr. Betton, Capt. Smith and Col. Lovell, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to take under consideration the impost act, passed the last session of the General Court, and report thereon. [Sent up by Majr Cram.]

Upon reading and considering the petition of Henry Gerrish, Esq. praying for the privilege of a ferry, *Voted*, That the petitioner be heard thereon before the General Court on the third Wednesday of the next session, and that in the mean time the petitioner cause that the selectmen of Salisbury and the selectmen of Northfield be served with a copy of the petition and order of court thereon, that they, or either of them, may then appear and shew cause (if any they have) why the prayer thereof may not be granted. [Sent up by Mr Spaulding.]

Voted, That Col. Runnels, Mr. Duncan and Mr. M'Murphy, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the account of Mr. Isaac Williams, and all similar matters, and report thereon. [Sent up by Mr Spaulding.]

Adjourned to 3 o'clock P. M.

Met accordingly.

An Act to impower Mrs. Elisabeth Wentworth to convey her estate to her children and grand children, and to enable them to hold the same, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

[Sent up by Col° Wiggin and Mr Stiles.]

The honourable Senate and House being again met for the purpose of electing officers, agreeably to the constitution, agreed to adjourn 'till to-morrow.

The honourable Senate and House being again met in committee of the whole (his Excellency the President in the chair), proceeded to consider of the petitions of a large number of the in-
* 13 : 128 habitants * of this state, praying for the redress of grievances, and after debating on several matters contained in the petition presented, agreed to postpone the further consideration thereof for the present. The committee then rose with leave to sit again, and the Speaker resumed the chair.

The committee to prepare and lay before this House an answer to his Excellency's message, reported the following:

May it please your Excellency,

When the Representatives of the free citizens of this state, see the supreme executive seat of government filled by a gentleman of known and approved abilities in the civil and military departments of life, they are animated with the most agreeable sensations; and your being called into so high a station by the free suffrages of a virtuous people, encreaseth our joy in proportion to the wisdom, zeal and stability, which have rendered you conspicuous in many exalted offices in this and the United States.

The low state of our treasury and finances, the great scarcity of a circulating medium, and the embarrassments of commerce, we view as matters of great concernment, requiring our most serious attention.

The establishment of the publick credit, the promoting industry, economy and agriculture, increasing our own manufactures, enlarging our trade and navigation, upon principles of equality, encouraging exportation, and discouraging the importation of unnecessary and superfluous commodities, are matters of importance, demanding our earliest notice.

The revision of our laws, especially those for making the militia useful and reputable, and making such new laws as may be necessary for opening publick roads to distant parts of the state, should be duly attended to.

For confirming and enlarging the happiness of citizens, and rendering your Excellency's administration easy and honourable, and secur-

ing the constitutional rights of our fellow subjects, should be the greatest objects of our deliberation.

JOHN SPARHAWK, Speaker Pro. Tem.

* *Voted*, That Mr. Betton and Col. Runnels, be a committee to wait on his Excellency, with the foregoing answer [to his Excellency's message.] *13 : 129

Adjourned to 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 1786.

The House met according to adjournment.

Voted, That Capt. Stiles, Mr. Sparhawk and Mr. Robinson, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to examine the late requisitions of Congress, and report what is further necessary to be done in order to comply with said requisitions.

[Sent up by Mr Sparhawk.]

Voted, That the honourable Nathaniel Peabody, Esq. who was appointed a Delegate from this state to the Congress of the United States, for the current year, be recalled, and that his Excellency the President be desired to notify him thereof.

[Sent up by Mr Greeley.]

Voted, That the honourable John Langdon, Esq. be and he hereby is appointed a Delegate to represent this state in the Congress of the United States, for the term of one year from and after the first Monday in November next, unless sooner relieved or recalled by the General Court of this state, with all the powers and privileges which other Delegates from this state have heretofore had and enjoyed, agreeably to the confederation of the United States.

[Sent up by Colo Runnels.]

Voted, That the honourable Pierce Long, Esq. be and he hereby is appointed a Delegate to represent this state in the Congress of the United States for the term of one year from and after the first Monday in November next, unless sooner relieved or recalled by the General Court of this state, with all the powers and privileges which other Delegates from this state have heretofore had and enjoyed, agreeably to the confederation of the United States.

[Sent up by Colo Runnels.]

The honourable John Pickering, Esq. was chosen a Delegate to Congress, but declined accepting said trust.

Voted, That the honourable Abiel Foster, Esq. be and he hereby is appointed a Delegate to represent this state in the Congress of the United States for the term of one year, from and after the first Monday in November next, unless sooner relieved or recalled by the Gen-

eral Court of this state, with all the powers and privileges
* 13 : 180 * which other Delegates from this state have heretofore
had and enjoyed, agreeably to the confederation of the
United States. [Sent up by Col° Runnels.]

Voted, That the honourable John Sparhawk, Esq. be and he hereby is appointed a Delegate to represent this state in the Congress of the United States for the term of one year from and after the first Monday in November next, unless sooner relieved or recalled by the General Court of this state, with all the powers and privileges which other Delegates from this state have heretofore had and enjoyed, agreeably to the confederation of the United States.

[Sent up by Col° Runnels.]

Voted, That the honourable John Langdon, Esq. and Mr. James Sheafe, be and they hereby are appointed commissioners in addition to the commissioners already appointed on the part of this state, to meet such commissioners as are or shall be appointed by any other of the United States, for the regulation of commerce. Two only, of said commissioners to attend at the same time.

[Sent up by Mr Johnson.]

Voted, That Mr. Duncan, Major Hale, Mr. Hubbard, Mr. Gibson and Major Wallace with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to take under consideration the appointing and payment of Jurors, also of the table of fees for this state, and report such alterations and amendments as they may judge necessary.

[Sent up by Mr Cram.]

Voted, That Mr. Ephraim Robinson, John Calfe, Esq. and Thomas Odiorne, Esq. be and [they] hereby are appointed a committee to settle the accounts between this state and the treasurer of said state, and report thereon to this House at their next session.

[Sent up Mr. Cragin.]

Voted, That Col. Waldron, Mr. Sparhawk, and Mr. M'Murphy, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider whether interest shall be allowed [on] Pierce's certificates, or
the final settlement securities, that are ordered to be re-
* 13 : 131 ceived into the treasury of this state, and in what * man-
ner it shall be done, and report thereon, and whether the
treasurer shall receive any on which the interest has been paid.

[Sent up by Gen[l] Dow.]

Upon reading and considering the petition of Mr. Stephen Dole in behalf of the town of Bedford,[1] praying that the time of holding the annual meeting in said town may be altered agreeable to a vote of

1. xi. Ham. Town Papers, 187.

said town: *Voted* that the prayer thereof be granted, and that the petitioner have leave to bring in a bill accordingly.

[Sent up by Gen[l] Dow.]

Voted, That Col. Waldron, Col. Toppan and Mr. Kendall, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Herculus Mooney, Esq. and report thereon.

[Sent up by M[r] Dole.]

Upon reading and considering the petition of Sarson Belcher, of Boston, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, *Voted*, That the petitioner be heard thereon before the General Court on the third Wednesday of their next session, and that in the mean time the petitioner cause that the substance of the petition and order of court thereon be published three weeks successively in one of the New-Hampshire news papers, also cause that the substance of the petition and the order thereon be posted up in some publick place in the town of Peterborough, three weeks prior to the day of hearing, that any person or persons may appear and shew cause why the prayer of said petition may not be granted. [Sent up by Maj[r] Hale.]

An act investing Benjamin Dearborn with the exclusive right of making and selling certain articles therein specified; was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

[Sent up by Maj[r] Hale and Cap[t] Spaulding.]

Voted, That Mr. Chesley, Mr. Emerson and Mr. Greeley, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Daniel Gale, and report thereon.

[Sent up by M[r] Hubbard.]

Upon reading and considering the petition of John Blunt, Esq. praying to be restored to his law in a certain action, *Voted*, That the petitioner be heard thereon before the General Court on the third Wednesday of their next session, and that in the mean time * the petitioner cause that Jacob Sheafe, Esq. of * 13 : 132
Portsmouth, be served with a copy of the petition and order of Court thereon, that he may then appear and shew cause (if any he hath) why the prayer thereof may not be granted, and that the execution against said Blunt be stayed until the decision of the General Court. [Sent up by Col[o] Wiggin.]

The committee on the petition of Ezra Gates, a wounded soldier in the New-Hampshire line, reported, That he be allowed half pay, to commence at the time his whole pay ceased, [and to continue] till further order of [the General] Court, and that he be enrolled accordingly: Signed M. Thornton, for the committee. Which report being read and considered, *Voted*, that it be received and accepted.

[Sent up by M[r] Foster.]

Upon reading and considering the petition of Archibald McMillan, a wounded soldier, *Voted*, That the prayer thereof be granted, and that he be enrolled for half pay. [Sent up by Mr Jenness.]

The committee on the petitions of sick and wounded officers and soldiers, having considered the petition of Thomas Clark, [to them referred] reported, That the prayer of said petition be so far granted, that he receive his wages and depreciation as other soldiers have received, deducting what he has already received; Signed M. Thornton, for the committee. Which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted, and that the committee on depreciation govern themselves accordingly.

[Sent up by Mr Chesley.]

Adjourned to 3 o'clock, P. M.

Met accordingly.

An act to enable Phillip White, and Mary, his wife, to sell the real estate of Ebenezer Conant, deceased, for the payment of the debts of said deceased, and support of his children, was read a third time, and passed to be enacted. [Sent up by Mr Dole and Mr. Jackman.]

The committee on the petition of the selectmen of Acworth,[1] reported, That said town be allowed three thousand, four hundred and twenty five pounds of beef, including what is already allowed by the Treasurer: Signed Joshua Wentworth, for the committee. Which report being read and Considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted. [Sent up by Mr Mann.]

* 13 : 133 * *Voted*, That Mr. Pickering, General Dow, and Mr. Sparhawk, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to draught and lay before this House, such publick bills as may be thought necessary to pass to be enacted at this session. [Sent up by Mr Smith.]

Upon reading and considering the petition of Captain Leonard Whiting, *Voted*, That the petitioner be heard thereon, before the General Court, on the third Thursday of their next session, and that in the mean time the petitioner cause that the selectmen of Concord, alias Gunthwait, be served with a copy of the petition and order of Court thereon, that they may then appear and shew cause (if any they have) why the prayer thereof may not be granted, and that no lands in said town be sold for taxes, until the decision of the General Court. [Sent up by Mr Emerson.]

Voted, That Mr. Pickering, Major Hale, Doctor Preston, Mr. Kingsbury, and Mr. Storrs, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to state the reasons why it is not practicable at this time to make a bank of paper money.

[Sent up by Colo Leavitt.]

1. xi. Ham. Town Papers, 5.

Voted, That Mr. Betton, Col. Toppan, and Col. Waldron, be a committee to enquire of the Treasurer what sum is now due for outstanding taxes, also the amount of the certificates and orders now in the hands of individuals, together with the amount of notes issued, that have not been taken up, and report to this House.

The honourable Senate and House being again met, for the purpose of electing officers, agreeably to the constitution, agreed to adjourn 'till to-morrow.

Upon reading and considering the petition of Sarah Catharine Moffatt, *Voted*, That the prayer thereof be granted, and that she have leave to bring in a bill accordingly. [Sent up by Col° Runnels.]

Voted, That John Pickering and Daniel Humphreys, Esquires, be a committee to revise the laws of this state, and report the laws so amended to the General Court, at their future sessions, from time to time, as they prepare the same.

[Sent up by Mr Sparhawk.]

* The committee on the petition of [Capt.] Amos Dow, * 13 : 134 in behalf of William Moreland, reported, That the said William Moreland, be set at liberty from his confinement in Amherst gaol: Signed John McDuffee, for the committee. Which report be ing read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted.

[Sent up by Mr Dow.]

Voted, That Col. Emerson, Capt. Smith, and Mr. Robinson, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of the selectmen of Protectworth, and report thereon. [Sent up by Capt Smith.]

Adjourned to 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 1786.

The House met according to adjournment.

Voted, That Col. Runnels, Mr. Chesley, and Mr. Jenks, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Charles Huntoon, Esq. and others, inhabitants of Unity,[1] and report thereon. [Sent up by Mr Stiles.]

Upon reading and considering the petition of Jonas Fairbank, and others, *Voted*, That the petitioners be heard thereon before the General Court, on the third Thursday of their next session, and that in the mean time the petitioners cause that the selectmen of Charlestown, Walpole and Alstead, be served with a copy of the petition and order of Court thereon, that they may [then] appear and shew cause (if any they have) why the prayer thereof may not be granted.

[Sent up by Mr Hubbard.]

1. xiii. Ham. Town Papers, 579.

The committee on the petition of Colonel Herculus Mooney, praying for an allowance of [for] depreciation, reported, That the prayer of said petition be granted. [Signed Otis Baker for the committee.] Which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted, and that the committee on depreciation govern themselves accordingly. [Sent up by Mr Greeley.]

Upon reading and considering the petition of Joseph Parker and Lucy Farwell, *Voted*, That the prayer thereof be granted, and that the petitioners have leave to bring in a bill accordingly.

[Sent up by Mr. Holmes.]

* 13 : 135 * Upon reading and considering the petition of Lemuel Smith, *Voted*, That the petitioner be heard thereon before the General Court, on the third Thursday of their next session, and that in the mean time the petitioner cause that Michael Wentworth, Esq. and Martha, his wife, be served with a copy of the petition and order of Court thereon, that he may then appear and shew cause (if any he hath [they have]) why the prayer thereof may not be granted, and that the execution against said Smith, be stayed until the decision of the General Court.

[Sent up by Majr Kimball.]

Upon reading and considering the petition of John Dinsmore, and others, inhabitants of Washington, *Voted*, That the petitioners be heard thereon before the General Court, on the third Wednesday of their next session, and that in the mean time the petitioners cause that the selectmen of Washington, be served with a copy of the petition and order of Court thereon, that they may then appear and shew cause (if any they have) why the prayer thereof may not be granted.

[Sent up by Capt Copland.]

Voted, that Mr. Cragin, Captain Storrs, Major Hale, Mr. Emerson, and Mr. Chase, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of the selectmen of Dorchester,[1] and all similar matters, and report thereon.

[Sent up by Mr Johnson.]

The committee on the petition of Mary Connor and Joseph Drew, reported, That the prayer of said petition be granted, and that the petitioner have leave to bring in a bill accordingly: Signed Otis Baker, for the committee. Which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted. [Sent up by Mr Knowles.]

Voted, That Col. Badger, Col. Toppan, and Major Kimball, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of John Wheatly,[2] and report thereon.

[Sent up by Mr Knowles.]

1. xi. Ham. Town Papers, 502-503 2. xii. Ham. Town Papers, 387.

The committee on the petitions of sick and wounded officers and soldiers, having considered of the petition of Uriah Stone, reported, That he receive half pay per month, to commence from the fourth day of November, 1785 (which was the time his pay ceased at Rhode Island) till further order of Court: Signed M. Thornton, for the committee. Which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted. [Sent up by Mr Spaulding.]

* *Voted*, That Col. Toppan, Col. Wiggin, and Major Cram, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of, and devise ways and means for furnishing a delegate with money to forward him to Congress, and report thereon. [Sent up by Colo Wiggin.] * 13 : 136

Upon reading and considering the petition of Nathaniel Hall and Ebenezer Brewster, praying that they may be authorized to collect the excise in the county of Grafton in the room and stead of Ebenezer Green, Esq. deceased who was purchaser of the excise, *Voted*, That the prayer of said petition be granted, they giving security in common form for paying the sum the excise was sold for into the Treasury. [Sent up by Majr Young.]

Voted, That the account of Captain Samuel Dalling, amounting to seventeen pounds and four shillings, be allowed and paid out of the Treasury by order of the President. [Sent up by Mr Greeley.]

Upon reading and considering the petition of the selectmen of Unity,[1] *Voted*, That the petitioners be heard thereon before the General Court on the third Wednesday of their next session, and that in the mean time the petitioners cause that the substance of the petition and order of Court thereon be published three weeks successively in one of the New-Hampshire news-papers, also cause that the selectmen of Brentwood be served with a copy of the petition and order, that they or any other person or persons may then appear and shew cause (if any they have) why the prayer thereof may not be granted. [Sent up by Mr Johnson.]

Upon reading and considering the petition of Thomas Fuller, *Voted*, That the prayer thereof be granted, and that the Treasurer issue a new note equal in value to the one consumed, and a certificate for twenty three shillings and ten pence, to the said [Thomas] Fuller. [Sent up by Mr Dow.]

Upon reading and considering the petition of Eliphalet Hale,[2] praying for the privilege of a ferry, *Voted*, That the petitioner be heard thereon before the General Court on the third Wednesday of their next session and that in the mean time the petitioner * cause that a copy of the petition and order of Court thereon, be posted [up] in some publick place in the town * 13 : 137

41 1. xiii. Ham. Town Papers, 579. 2. xi. Ham. Town Papers, 346.

of Chesterfield three weeks successively before the day of hearing, that any person or persons may then appear and shew cause why the prayer thereof may not be granted. [Sent up by Maj^r Cram.]

Voted, That Col. Wiggin, Major Young and Mr. Dearborn, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Reuben Middleton,[1] and report thereon.

[Sent up by Capt Mann.]

Voted, That Mr. Preston, Mr. Betton, and Mr. Duncan, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider what shall be done with the copper plate notes, issued by this state, that are now in the hands of individuals, also any paper bills that has been issued by this state, and that has not been called in, and report thereon. [Sent up by Mr Kendall.]

Upon reading and considering the petition of Col. Azariah Webb,[2] praying for the privilege of a ferry, *Voted*, That the petitioner be heard thereon, before the General Court on the third Wednesday of their next session, and that in the mean time the petitioner cause that the substance of the petition and order of Court thereon, be published three weeks successively in one of the New-Hampshire [news] papers, also cause that a copy of the petition and order thereon be posted up in some publick place in the town of Piermont, at least three weeks successively before the day of hearing, that any person or persons may appear and shew cause (if any they have) why the prayer thereof may not be granted. [Sent up by Mr Stiles.]

Voted, That Mr. Bedee, Mr. Kingsbury, Mr. Works, Mr. Robinson and Mr. Holmes, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition and account of Nathaniel Rogers, jun. and report thereon. [Sent up by Mr Chesley.]

Adjourned to 3 o'clock, P. M.

Met accordingly.

Voted, That Mr. Jackman, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Chesley, Mr. Works, and Mr. Storrs, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of the selectmen of Chesterfield,[3] and all similar matters, and report thereon.

[Sent up by Capt Copland.]

* 13 : 138 **Voted*, That General Dow, Col. Toppan, and Mr. Betton, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of David Page,[4] Esq. and examine whether there is any law of the state that will relieve him, and if not, to report a bill for that purpose.

[Sent up by Mr Spaulding.]

On motion made for the repeal of an act, intitled, an act for the recovery of small debts in an expeditious way and manner, passed No-

1. xi. Ham. Town Papers, 206–207. 2. xiii. id. 194. 3. xi. id. 345. 4. xi. id. 422.

vember 9th, 1785. The yeas and nays being called for, were as follows, viz.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Hon. J. Langdon,	Mr. Wheeler,	Mr. Bedee,	Mr. Hubbard,
Mr. Pickering,	Mr. Eliot,	Mr. Chesley,	Mr. Chase,
Mr. Sparhawk,	Mr. Foster,	Mr. Lovell,	Mr. Mooney,
Mr. Robinson,	Mr. S. Hale,	Mr. Emerson,	Mr. Ashley.

Nays.	Nays.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Runnels,	Mr. Welch,	Mr. Bracket,	Mr. Greeley,
Mr. M'Murphy,	Mr. Dow,	Mr. Ambrose,	Mr. Clement,
Mr. Underhill,	Mr. Betton,	Mr. Dearborn,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Jenness,	Mr. Gibson,	Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Jackman,
Mr. Leavitt,	Mr. Waldron,	Mr. Barron,	Mr. Stiles,
Mr. Toppan,	Mr. Knowles,	Mr. Dole,	Mr. Rendall,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Badger,	Mr. Page,	Mr. Gaskill,
Mr. Wiggin,	Mr. Gilmore,	Mr. Mann,	Mr. Tolford,
Mr. Shaw,	Mr. Works,	Mr. Preston,	Mr. Skinner,
Mr. Merrill,	Mr. M. Smith,	Mr. Putnam,	Mr. Kendall,
Mr. Gile,	Mr. Kingsbury,	Mr. Spaulding,	Mr. Johnson,
Mr. Barnard,	Mr. Jenks,	Mr. Cragin,	Mr. Young,
Mr. Cram,	Mr. Mack,	Mr. Cunningham,	Mr. Kimball,
Mr. Daniels,	Mr. Holmes,	Mr. Duncan,	Mr. Storrs,
Mr. Emerson,	Mr. Copland,	Mr. Wallace,	Mr. Peters,
Mr. Hook,	Mr. Ames,	Mr. Hadley,	Mr. Freeman.

16 Yeas — 64 Nays. So the motion was lost.

The committee on the petition of the selectmen of Protectworth, reported, That the town of Protectworth be abated twelve pounds six shillings on an extent against them for a soldier: Signed John M'Clary, for the committee. Which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted.

[Sent up by Mr Smith.]

* The committee on [for] devising ways and means for * 13 : 139
furnishing a delegate with money, to forward him to Congress, reported, That the Delegate receive an order on the Treasurer for the sum of ninety pounds forthwith, and that said Treasurer appropriate the first money he receives, to discharge the same, but not to meddle with the hard money tax laid on for the current year: Signed George Atkinson, for the committee. Which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted.

[Sent up by Mr Smith.]

Voted, That the Treasurer be directed to pay to the Loan-Officer, one million, three hundred eighty-seven thousand, five hundred and fifty dollars, of the old continental paper currency now in the Treasury, which is the ballance due from this state to the United States, taking his receipt therefor. [Sent up by Mr Wallace.]

Voted, That the account of Daniel Fowle, Esq. amounting to ninety-five pounds for printing, be allowed and paid out of the Treasury by order of the President. [Sent up by Maj^r Wallace.]

Voted, That the hearing on the petition of the Proprietors of Cockermouth, which was to have been yesterday, be postponed to the third Wednesday of the next session of the General Court, which may be held at Concord, of which all persons concerned, are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

[Sent up by Mr Jenness.]

Voted, That Col. Wiggin, Doctor Brackett and Mr. Dow, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of the selectmen of Allenstown, and report thereon. [Sent up by Mr Greeley.]

A vote came down from the honourable Senate appointing Mr. Atkinson, Mr. Thornton and Mr. Wentworth, with such of the honourable House as they shall join, a committee to take under consideration the letter dated the third of May last, and received from the minister of foreign affairs, and report thereon, [came down for concurrence;] was read and concurred, and Mr. Langdon, Mr. Toppan, Mr. Foster, Mr. Bedee and General Dow, joined.

[Sent up by Maj^r Cram.]

The committee on the petition of Martha Wait,[1] reported, That she receive half pay, agreeable to a resolution of Congress, * 13 : 140 passed * the 24th of August, 1780, from the time of her late husband's death until the time of her intermarriage [with her second husband and that the Guardians for the children of said Wait do receive half pay from the time of said Martha's Intermarriage] until the term of seven years is compleated, the money that appears due from the said Joseph Wait to this state, being first deducted: Signed Amos Shepherd, for the committee. Which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted, and that the committee on depreciation govern themselves accordingly.

[Sent up by Col^o Runnels.]

The committee to consider of the petition of John Penhallow, Esq. and others, reported, That his Excellency [the President] be desired to write to the President of the state of Pennsylvania, fully stating the matter in dispute referred to in the petition: Signed Joseph Gilman, for the committee. Which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted.

[Sent up by Capt Copeland.]

Voted, That the town of Alstead be notified that the seat of their Representative has become vacant by the removal of their member to the honourable Senate, and that the selectmen of said Alstead

1. xi. Ham. Town Papers, 376.

have liberty to call a meeting for the choice of a Representative, they giving legal notice of the time, place and design of said meeting.

The committee on the petition of John Wheatly,[1] reported, That the Secretary take order to record the copy of the charter of Lebanon, herewith sent in lieu of the original, which we have compared with said copy, and finding the original not materially mutilated, have no doubt the copy is right: Signed George Atkinson, for the committee. Which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted. [Sent up by Capt Underhill.]

Voted, That Archibald M'Murphy, Esq. honourable John M'Duffee, Esq. Daniel Emerson, Esq. Captain Jeremiah Stiles, and the honourable Charles Johnston, Esq. be and they hereby are appointed a committee on the part of this state, to enquire and examine whether any of the unimproved lands in this state are the property of this * state, and report their opinion thereon to the General Court at their next session. * 13 : 141

[Sent up by Capt Underhill.]

Voted, That Col. Toppan, Mr. Bedee, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Hubbard and Capt. Peters, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to prepare instructions for the direction of the committee chosen to examine whether any of the unimproved lands in this state are the property of the state and lay the same before this House. [Sent up by Colo Wiggin.]

Adjourned to 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, JUNE 16, 1786.

The House met according to adjournment.

Upon reading and considering the petition of Stephen Barker, *Voted*, That the petitioner be heard thereon before the General Court on the third Friday of their next session, and that in the mean time the petitioner cause that the substance of the petition and order of Court thereon, be published three weeks successively in one of the New-Hampshire newspapers, that any person or persons may then appear and shew cause (if any they have) why the prayer thereof may not be granted. [Sent up by Mr Emerson.]

The committee on the petition of the selectmen of Dorchester,[2] reported, as their opinion that said town of Dorchester, ought to be abated one half of their taxes for the years 1777, 1778, and 1779, which abatement in the whole amounts to thirty seven pounds, four shillings and six pence: Signed John M'Duffee, for the committee.

1. xii. Ham. Town Papers, 387. 2. xi. Ham. Town Papers, 502, 503.

Which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted. [Sent up by Capt Peters.]

The committee on the petition of the selectmen of Portsmouth, reported, That the petitioners have a day of hearing at the next session of the General Court, and in the mean time, all process relative to said road be stayed, and that the adverse party be served with a copy of the petition and order of Court thereon: Signed John M'Clary, for the committee. Which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted, and that the third Friday of the next session, be the day for hearing said petitioners.

[Sent up by Capt Underhill.]

Voted, That Col. Mooney, Major Young, and Mr. Page, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Elisha Brown, and report thereon.

[Sent up by Capt Underhill.]

*13:142 *The following vote came down from the honourable Senate for concurrence:

In Senate, June 16th, 1786.

Voted, That Mr. Atkinson, and Mr. Payne, with such as the honourable House shall join, be a committee to consider of, and report to the Court, what mode will be proper to pursue in the future appointment of special justices in the several counties in this state: Was read and concurred, and Mr. Pickering, Mr. Sparhawk, and Col. Waldron, joined. [Sent up by Mr Cunningham.]

Upon reading and considering the petition of John Dustin, a prisoner in Portsmouth gaol, *Voted*, That the petitioner be heard thereon before the General Court on Tuesday next, and that in the mean time the petitioner cause that John Prentice, Esq. Attorney to the creditor, be served with a copy of the petition and order of Court thereon, that he may then appear and shew cause why the said Dustin may not be liberated from his confinement.

[Sent up by Mr Dole.]

Upon reading and considering the petition of the selectmen of Croyden, *Voted*, That the petitioners be heard thereon before the General Court on the third Friday of their next session, and that in the mean time, the petitioners cause that the selectmen of Acworth, be served with a copy of the petition, and order of Court thereon, that they may then appear and shew cause (if any they have) why the prayer thereof may not be granted. [Sent up by Mr Freeman.]

Voted, That Mr. Chesley, Mr. Robinson, Major Wallace, Captain Stiles, and Captain Storrs, with such of the honourable Senate as

they shall join, be a committee to take under consideration an act for the recovery of small debts in an expeditious way and manner, passed November 9th, 1785, and report such alterations as they may judge necessary.

The committee to consider whether interest shall be allowed on Pierce's certificates, &c. and whether the Treasurer shall receive any, on which the interest has been paid, reported, That the Treasurer be directed not to receive any final settlement securities, on which interest is endorsed: Signed Joshua Wentworth, for the committee. Which report being read and * considered, *Voted,* * 13 : 143 That it be received and accepted. [Sent up by Mr Lovell.]

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court convened, That the honourable Joseph Gilman and Josiah Gilman, Esquires, and Samuel Tinney, surgeon, be and hereby are appointed to examine all claimants as invalids, and to report whether the person producing a certificate, [setting forth] that he is an invalid, be such in fact, and if such, to what pay he is intitled, and thereupon shall give to the invalid a certificate, specifying to what pay he is intitled, and transmit a copy to the person who is appointed by this state, to receive and record the same according to a resolution of Congress, of the seventh of June, 1785.

And it is hereby further *resolved,* by the authority aforesaid, That Joseph Pearson, Esq. be and hereby is appointed to make a compleat list of all the officers, soldiers, or seamen, resident in this state, who have served in the army or navy of the United States, or in the militia in the service of the United States, and have been disabled in such service so as to be incapable of military [militia] duty, or of obtaining a livelihood by labour; in which list shall be expressed the pay, age, and disability of each invalid, also the regiment, corps, or ships to which he belonged, and a copy of the same shall be transmitted to the office of the Secretary at War, within one year after the passing this resolve, and a like descriptive list of the invalids resident in this state, shall from year to year be annually transmitted by him to the office of the Secretary of War, agreeably to the aforementioned resolution of Congress. [Sent up by Majr Kimball.]

Voted, That Mr. Robinson, Major Freeman, and Mr. Mann, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of a receipt, signed by Jonathan Child, assistant commissary of purchases, which he gave to the town of Lyme, in November, 1780, and report thereon. [Sent up by Mr Cram.]

Voted, That Col. Welch, Mr. Hook, and Mr. Gile, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition and abstract of Captain Ezra Town, and report thereon. [Sent up by Mr Chesley.]

*13:144 * *Voted*, That Mr. Betton, Mr. Wheeler, and Captain Smith, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Elizabeth Wallingford, and report thereon. [Sent up by Capt Barron.]

The committee on the petition of David Page,[1] Esq. reported, That they have examined the laws in force, authorizing and regulating proprietors meetings, and are of opinion, that the petitioner is fully impowered by them to proceed in the collection of the proprietors taxes in Conway, formerly committed to his care: Signed George Atkinson, for the committee. Which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted.

[Sent up by Mr Knowles.]

The committee on the petition of Reuben Middleton,[2] reported, That the said Reuben Middleton have forty eight pounds, and interest on said sum, from the first day of May, 1778, in full for wages, and being in captivity: Signed John M'Duffee, for the committee. Which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted. [Sent up by Col^o Wiggin.]

Voted, That Mr. Kendall, Mr. Jackman, and Mr. Dole, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Mary Robinson, and Asa Robinson, and report thereon. [Sent up by Mr Kendall.]

Voted, That the account of losses sustained at the Cedars, and all similar matters that may be presented this session, be referred to the committee on Nathaniel Rogers's petition.

[Sent up by Mr Stiles.]

Voted, That Mr. Hubbard, Col. Badger, and Mr. Gilman, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Jonathan Chase, and all similar matters, and report thereon. [Sent up by Mr Stiles.]

Voted, That Doctor Preston, Mr. Robinson, General Dow, and Mr. Copland, be added to the committee on the petition of Adam Babcock. [Sent up by Capt Mann.]

*13:145 * The committee on copper-plate money, &c. reported, That the Treasurer be directed to receive [the] said copper-plate bills, in payment of all taxes payable in certificates; as to the other paper bills emitted by this state, and now outstanding, your committee are not agreed: Signed Joseph Gilman, for the committee. Which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted, and that the said copper-plate bills be received without any interest being allowed thereon.

[Sent up by Mr Greeley.]

1. xi. Ham. Town Papers, 422. 2. Idem, 206, 207.

The committee on the petition of Samuel Chase,[1] Esq. reported, That they recommend a day of hearing to be granted some time in the next session of the General Court, and that in the mean time the petitioner cause [that] the substance of the petition [to] be published in one of the New-Hampshire news papers: Signed Joseph Gilman, for the committee. Which report being read and considered, *Voted,* That it be received and accepted, and that the third Thursday of the next session, be the day for the hearing on said petition. [Sent up by Mr Clement.]

Voted, That General Dow, Captain Barron, Col. Leavitt, Col. Waldron and Mr. Gibson, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of John Grandy; also consider whether any alterations are necessary to be made in the act to prevent the bodies of debtors from being taken on execution, &c. and report such as they may judge necessary.

[Sent up by Mr Johnson.]

Adjourned to 3 o'clock, P. M.

Met accordingly.

Voted, That Col. Toppan, Col. Badger, Col. Lovell, Captain Ashley and General Dow, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider what alterations are necessary in the establishment of post-riders, and how the post-riders are to be supported, and report thereon.

[Sent up by Capt Barron.]

The committee on the petition of the selectmen of Allenstown, reported, That the town of Allenstown be abated and allowed out of the extent against them for deficiency of a continental soldier, the sum of forty-two pounds: Signed Elisha Payne, for the committee. Which report being read and considered, *Voted,* That it be received and accepted. [Sent up by Colo Wiggin.]

*The committee on the petition of the selectmen of * 13 : 146
Unity[2] reported, That the said town of Unity be abated
the seventh part of their taxes from the year 1780 to the last proportion: Signed Amos Shephard, for the committee. Which report being read and considered, *Voted,* That it be received and accepted. [Sent up by Colo Runnels.]

Voted, That Mr. Chase, Mr. Jenness, and Col. Leavitt. with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Nathan Caswell[3] in behalf of the inhabitants of Littleton, and report thereon. [Sent up by Majr Young.]

Voted, That Mr. Pickering, Col. Waldron, Captain Marsh, Mr. Stiles and Mr. Johnson, with such of the honourable Senate as

1. xi. Ham. Town Papers, 452. 2. xiii. Ham. Town Papers, 578, 579.
3. xi. Ham. Town Papers, 425.

they shall join, be a committee to consider what publick business is yet necessary to be done at this session, and at what time, and to what time and place this Court shall be adjourned; also to consider what allowance shall be made the members of the honourable Senate and House of Representatives, and their officers, for their travel and attendance at the present session, and report thereon. [Sent up by Mr Chesley.]

Voted, That Mr. Barnard, Mr. Gibson and Captain Smith, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition and account of Ephraim Baldwin,[1] and report thereon. [Sent up by Mr Merrill.]

Voted, That Mr. M'Murphy, Mr. Cram, Mr. Greeley, Mr. Storrs, and Major Wallace, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Jonathan Chase, Esq. and report thereon. [Sent up by Mr Merrill.]

The committee on the petition of Elisha Brown, reported, That the prayer of said petition be granted: Signed Otis Baker, for the committee. Which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted, and that he have leave to bring in a bill accordingly. [Sent up by Majr Cram.]

*13 : 147 * Upon reading and considering the petition of Elisha Payne and Jesse Johnson,[2] Esquires, *Voted*, That the prayer thereof be granted, and that the petitioners have leave to bring in a bill accordingly. [Sent up by Mr Clement.]

Voted, That Major Hale, Major Wallace, Col. Welch, Major Kimball and Mr. Emerson, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Ezra Child, and all similar matters, and report thereon.

[Sent up by Majr Young.]

Upon reading and considering the petition of Joanna Chapman, *Voted*, That the prayer thereof be granted, and that the petitioner have leave to bring in a bill accordingly. [Sent up by Colo Runnels.]

Voted, That General Dow, Col. Toppan, Col. Putnam, Col. Welch, and Mr. Robinson, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to revise the militia laws of this state, and report thereon. [Sent up by Mr Freeman.]

Upon reading and considering the petition of Amariah Curtiss, and others, from Swanzey, *Voted*, That the petitioners be heard thereon before the General Court on the third Thursday of their next session, and that in the mean time, the petitioner cause that the selectmen of Swanzey be served with a copy of the petition and order of Court thereon, that they may then appear and shew

1. xi. Ham. Town Papers, 347. 2. xii. Ham. Town Papers, 388.

cause (if any they have) why the prayer thereof may not be granted.
[Sent up by Mr Page.]

The committee on the petition of sick and wounded officers and soldiers, having considered the petition of Thomas Clark to them referred; Reported, That the said Thomas Clark be allowed depreciation from the time he inlisted to April, 1778: Signed M. Thornton, for the committee. Which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted, and that the committee on depreciation govern themselves accordingly.
[Sent up by Mr Mann]

Adjourned to 8 o'clock tomorrow morning.

SATURDAY, June 17, 1786.

The House met according to adjournment.

An act to impower Sarah Catharine Moffatt, widow, to make partition of lands in Tuftonborough, belonging to her minor children, *and to sell certain land for their support and education, was read a third time, and passed to be enacted. [Sent up by Mr Chesley and Mr Jenness.]

*13:148

An act to vest the United States in Congress assembled with full powers to regulate commerce, was read a third time, and passed to be enacted. [Sent up by Mr Chesley and Mr Jenness.]

An act to impower Joseph Parker, of New Ipswich, to sell certain lands and buildings in New-Ipswich, was read a third time and passed to be enacted. [Sent up by Mr Chesley and Mr Jenness.]

The committee for revising the table of fees, reported certain alterations and amendments; which were read and considered, received and accepted: Whereupon, *Noted*, That the committee for draughting publick bills, prepare and lay before this House, a bill for carrying the same into effect. [Sent up by Mr Young.]

The committee on the account of Benjamin Biggelow, reported, That he be allowed twelve pounds in full of his account: Signed Otis Baker, for the committee. Which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted, and that the President give order for the payment of said sum.
[Sent up by Mr Foster.]

Voted, That the account of Robert Gerrish, amounting to sixty nine pounds, three shillings and four pence (for printing) be allowed and paid out of the Treasury by order of the President.
[Sent up by Mr Holmes.]

Upon reading and considering the petition of Samuel Adams, of Jaffrey, *Voted*, That the petitioner be heard thereon before the

General Court on the third Thursday of their next session, and that in the mean time the petitioner cause that the adverse party be served with a copy of the petition and order of court thereon, that he may then appear and shew cause (if any he hath) why the prayer thereof may not be granted, and that the execution against the said Adams be stayed until the decision of the General Court. [Sent up by Mr Clement.]

*13:149 *The committee to consider what alterations are necessary in the establishment of post-riders, reported, That one post leave Portsmouth on Monday and proceed through Exeter Nottingham, Concord and Plymouth to Haverhill, thence down the river road to Charlestown, thence through Keene, Amherst, Merrimac, Londonderry, Chester and Exeter to Portsmouth, which tour is to be performed once every fortnight.

That another post set off every other Monday from Portsmouth and from thence proceed through Newmarket, Durham, Dover, Rochester, Wakefield, Ossippee Gore and Tamworth to Moultonborough; thence through Merrideth, Gilmantown, Barnstead, Barrington and Dover to Portsmouth; That the Resolve now in force respecting the post-riders be repealed, and that the further provisions for the support of the post-riders be postponed to next session: Signed George Atkinson, for the committee. Which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted.

[Sent up by Mr Cunningham.]

The committee on the petition of Isaac Williams reported, That he be allowed twenty-three pounds, two shillings and eight pence, in full of his account as Issuing-commissary, and that the President give order accordingly: Signed John McClary, for the committee. Which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted. [Sent up by Mr Johnson.]

Voted, That Captain Peters, Mr. Mann, Col. Waldron, Mr. Robinson, and Col. Badger, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition and account of Joshua Young, issuing-commissary, and report thereon.

[Sent up by Mr Merrill.]

Whereas the proprietors of Lebanon, and the proprietors of Enfield, have petitioned the General Court, setting forth that divers disputes and suits [controversies] have arisen, or are likely to arise between said proprietors for want of a due establishment of the lines and boundaries betwixt said townships, and praying that certain persons, to be by them agreed upon and nominated, may be
*13:150 authorized and impowered to run out said * lines, and to make and establish said boundaries: Therefore, be it

Resolved, and it is hereby resolved, That the honourable Charles Johnston, and Jeremiah Page, Esquires, and Moses Chase, Esquire, be and they are hereby appointed a committee to run out all such lines as may be necessary to be run out in order to settle and establish the lines and boundaries betwixt said townships, agreeable to their respective charters, and fix the same by certain monuments.

And it is further Resolved, That if any person has settled on land under the grant of either of [the afore] said townships, [which] shall fall within the other township, such person shall be quieted in his said lands and possessions by such town within which he so falls ; and the proprietors under whom such person settled shall make restitution to the proprietors of the other town for such lands according to the value thereof at the time of beginning such settlement, in such a way and manner as said committee shall order and direct. And said committee shall make report of all their doings, touching the premises to the General Court as soon as may be, and the same being allowed [of] by said Court, shall be a final settlement of said lines and boundaries, and a bar to all controversies concerning the same which have arisen or hereafter may arise. [Sent up by Mr Cram.]

Adjourned to Monday next at 3 o'clock P. M.

MONDAY, June 19, 1786.

The House met according to adjournment.

An act in addition to and amendment of an act, for the more expeditious method of making partition of land and other real estate, held in common, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

[Sent up by Mr Cram & Mr Dearborn.]

Voted, That Mr. Benjamin Biggelow, have and reeeive out of the Treasury, by order of the President, the sum of thirty pounds, to be by him accounted for as agent-victualler for the troops at New-Castle. [Sent up by Majr Hale.]

* *Voted*, That Major Hale, Mr. Hubbard, and Mr. Chesley, with such of the honourable Board [Senate] as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Phebe Colbourn, and report thereon. [Sent up by Mr Greeley.] * 13 : 151

Upon reading and considering the petition of John Clark,[1] praying to be restored to his law in a certain action, *Voted*, That the petitioner be heard thereon before the General Court, on the third Thursday of the [their] next session, and that in the mean time the petitioner cause that John Thompson, mentioned in said petition, be served with a copy of the petition and order of Court thereon, that he may then ap-

1. xiii. Ham. Town Papers, 95.

pear and shew cause (if any he hath) why the prayer thereof may not be granted, and that the execution against the said Clark, be stayed until the decision of the General Court. [Sent up by Mr Clement.]

Voted, That Mr. Betton, Mr. Badger, and Mr. Gibson, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the memorial of Nahum Baldwin, Esquire, and report thereon. [Sent up by Mr Clement.]

Voted, That Captain Storrs, Mr. Barnard, and Mr. Dearborn, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the laws respecting the sale of the estate of persons deceased, for the payment of debts, and report such alterations as they may judge necessary. [Sent up by Mr Storrs.]

Voted, That Mr. Betton, be added to the committee for draughting bills. [Sent up by Mr Kendall.]

Adjourned to 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 1786.

The House met according to adjournment.

The following vote came down from the honourable Senate for concurrence:

IN SENATE, June 19th, 1786.

Whereas it appears that raising independent companies of Light Horse, greatly interferes with and obstructs the compleating the regiments of Light Horse in this state: Therefore,

Voted, That his Excellency the President, with advise of Council, be requested to recall all commissions already issued for raising such independent companies, and that his Excellency
* 13 : 152 * the President be desired to prevent any commissions for that purpose being issued until further order of the General Court. [Was] read and concurred. [Sent up by Mr Johnson.]

Voted, That Mr. Robinson, Mr. Bedee, Col. Lovell, Mr. Chase, and Captain Peters, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to take under consideration sundry bills, which passed the House the last session, and were not concurred, and report such of them to the House as they may judge necessary to be passed this session. [Sent up by Mr Chesley.]

An act to impower Mary Connor, to sell a lot of land therein described, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

[Sent up by Mr Dearborn & Mr Stiles.]

The report respecting post-riders, came down from the honourable Senate for the following amendment, viz, "That the rout of the west-

ern post be reversed every fortnight." Which amendment was read and considered, received and accepted. [Sent up by Col° Wiggin.]

Voted, That Major Hale, Col. Wiggin, and Major Young, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Jonathan Clark,[1] and report thereon.

[Sent up by Maj^r Hale.]

Upon reading and considering the petition of Doctor Jonathan Gove, *Voted*, That the petitioner be heard thereon before the General Court on this day. [Sent up by Maj^r Young.]

Voted, That Mr. Gilmore, Mr. Ames, and Mr. Cunningham, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Jedediah Sangor,[2] and others, and report thereon. [Sent up by Mr Gilmore.]

Voted, That his Excellency the President, with advice of Council be desired to employ such person or persons as they may judge proper to be employed as post-riders, agreeably to a vote of the General Court, passed this session. [Sent up by Mr Duncan.]

* 13 : 153 * *Voted*, That Mr. Sparhawk, Mr. Toppan, and Mr. Preston, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to wait upon the Reverend Doctor Haven, and present him with the thanks of the General Court, for his performance at Concord. [Sent up by Mr Johnson.]

The following resolve came down from the honourable Senate for concurrence:

STATE OF NEW HAMP^r } IN SENATE, June 13th, 1786.

Resolved, That the Brigades of militia commanded by the following Brigadiers, viz. Cilley, Moulton, and Reed, constitute one division, and be commanded by a Major-General, to be appointed agreeably to the constitution, for that purpose: And that the Brigades now commanded by the following Brigadiers, viz. Bellows, Dow, and Blanchard, constitute another division, and be commanded by a Major-General, to be appointed as aforesaid. [Which resolve] was this day read and concurred. [Sent up by Mr Johnson.]

Voted, That the hearing on the petition of the selectmen of Hillsborough, which was to have been to-morrow, be postponed to the second Tuesday of their next session, agreeably to the request of both parties. [Sent up by Mr Cram.]

Adjourned to 3 o'clock, P. M.

1. xiii. Ham. Town Papers, 95. 2. xiii. id. 514.

Met accordingly.

Whereas it appears to this House, that there was eight soldiers, [men] raised by several towns the latter end of the year 1782, and passed muster by Major Caleb Robinson, at Exeter, by permission of the committee of safety, and were delivered to the continental officer as all other soldiers were, in January, 1783, and no bounty of twenty pounds has yet been allowed to said towns:

Therefore *Resolved*, That the town of Chester be allowed for two men, viz. Thomas Downing, and Charles Breed; and the town of Pelham be allowed for two men, viz. Nathaniel Martin, and Samuel Brown; and the town of North Hampton be allowed for Tristram S. Connor; and the town of Portsmouth for John Moore; and the town of Hampton for Levi Francis; and the town of Seabrook
* 13 : 154 * be allowed for Winthrop Willie; twenty pounds each, for [as] a bounty for procuring said men as fully as if they had been mustered in December, 1782; any former resolve to the contrary notwithstanding. [Sent up by Col° Toppan.]

Voted, That the town of Hampton be allowed the sum of forty-seven pounds, one shilling and six pence, for interest due on the extent against said town for deficiency of soldiers, and that the Treasurer govern himself accordingly. [Sent up by Col° Toppan.]

Voted, That the hearing on the petition of John Dustin, which was to have been this day, be postponed to Friday next, and that in the mean time, the petitioner cause that John Prentice, Esq. of Londonderry, be notified thereof, that he may then appear and shew cause (if any he hath) why the prayer of said Dustin's petition should not be granted. [Sent up by Col° Runnels.]

An act to impower Nathaniel Hall, and Ebenezer Brewster, administrators to the estate of Ebenezer Green, late of Lyme, in the County of Grafton, Esquire, deceased, to collect the excise in the county of Grafton for the year 1786; [was read a third time,] and passed to be enacted. [Sent up by Mr Duncan & Mr Dearborn.]

Upon hearing and considering the petition of John Roach, and Elizabeth Roach, *Voted*, That the prayer thereof be so far granted as that the default be taken off, and the said John Roach, be authorized to appear and defend to final judgment and execution in behalf of the said Robert Rogers, and that the petitioner have leave to bring in a bill accordingly. [Sent up by Mr Greeley.]

Upon reading [hearing] and considering the petition of Jonathan Elkins, *Voted*, That the judgment and all subsequent proceedings be nullified; that the petitioner be restored to his law, and that he have leave to bring in a bill accordingly.

[Sent up by Capt Spaulding.]

* *Voted*, That the town of Durham be notified that the * 13 : 155
seat of their Representative has become vacant by the removal of their member to the Supreme Executive seat of Government, and that the selectmen of said Durham have liberty to call a meeting for the choice of a Representative, they giving legal notice of the time, place and design of said meeting.

Voted, That Mr. Betton, and Col. Runnels, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Isaac Tucker,[1] and report thereon.

[Sent up by Capt Peters.]

Upon reading and considering the petition of Jonathan Parker, jun'r, *Voted*, That the petitioner be heard thereon before the General Court on the second Tuesday of their next session, and that in the mean time the petitioner cause that Jonathan Blanchard, Esquire, of Dunstable, be served with a copy of the petition and order of Court thereon, that he may [then] appear and shew cause (if any he hath) why the prayer thereof may not be granted. [Sent up by Mr Chesley.]

The committee on the petition of Jonathan Clark, reported, That the petitioner have a day of hearing on his petition: Whereupon, *Voted*, That the petitioner be heard thereon before the General Court on the second Tuesday of their next session, and that in the mean time the petitioner cause that the selectmen of Nottingham be served with a copy of the petition and order of Court thereon, that they may then appear and shew cause (if any they have) why the prayer thereof may not be granted. [Sent up by Col^o Wiggin.]

Adjourned to 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 1786.

The House met according to adjournment.

Voted, That Mr. Robinson, Major Hale, Captain Dole, Mr. Rendall, Mr. Tolford, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider in what manner the extents for the deficiencies of the rum tax granted in the year 1781, shall be collected, and what shall be received for pay, and report thereon.

[Sent up by Mr Duncan.]

[*Voted*, That Mr. Robinson, Col. Waldron, Mr. Prentice, Mr. Kingsbury, and General Dow, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of the inhabitants of Piermont, and all similar matters, and report thereon.]

Upon reading and considering the petition of Josiah Gage, Esquire, and others, inhabitants of Pelham,[2] *Voted*, That the petitioner be heard thereon before the General Court on the second Tuesday of

42 1. xi. Ham. Town Papers, 321. 2. xiii. Ham. Town Papers, 151.

their next session, and that in the mean time the petitioners cause, that the selectmen of the town of Pelham, be served with
*13 : 156 a copy of the petition *and order of Court thereon, that they may then appear and shew cause (if any they have) why the prayer thereof may not be granted.

[Sent up by Capt Spaulding.]

Agreeable to the order of the day, proceeded to hear several parties on their petitions.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock P. M.

Met accordingly.

The committee on the memorial of Nahum Baldwin, Esquire, reported, That the memorialist have liberty to pay and discharge the execution against him for the ballance of the account already settled, with interest from the [time of] settlement with the Court of Probate in state notes (or securities): Signed Elisha Payne, for the committee. Which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted. [Sent up by Mr Jenness.]

An act to encourage the manufacturing of Linseed Oil within this state, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

[Sent up by Mr Jenness & Mr Jackman.]

[Agreeably to the order of the day, heard several petitioners.]

Upon reading [hearing] and considering the petition of David Courser, *Voted*, That the prayer thereof be granted, and that he have leave to bring in a bill accordingly.

[Sent up by Mr Johnson.]

Upon hearing and considering the petition of Isaac Butterfield, *Voted*, That the prayer thereof be granted, and that he have liberty to bring in a bill accordingly, at this, or the next session.

[Sent up by Majr Young.]

An act to impower Samuel Pillsbury to complete a return on an execution levied on certain lands in Londonderry, was read a third time, and passed to be enacted. [Sent up by Mr Betton & Colo Runnels.]

Voted, That Daniel Emerson, Robert Wallace and James Gibson, Esquires, be [and they hereby are appointed] a committee to proceed to Goffstown, at the expense of Mr. Thomas Stevens, and view the land and buildings now in the hands of Moses Little Esquire, of said Goffstown, which the said Stevens prayed to be put into possession of, and report their opinion respecting the same at the next session of the General Court. [Sent up by Capt Copland.]

*13 : 157 **Voted*, That the honourable Ebenezer Webster, Robert Wallace and John Duncan, Esquires, be and they hereby are appointed a committee to proceed to Weare, at the expense of [Petitioners] the inhabitants of the [south]easterly part of said town,

and view the situation of said town, and [of] the [said] petitioners, and report their opinion respecting a division of said town, at the next session of the General Court. [Sent up by Mr Jenness.]

An act to authorise Richard Smith, of Seabrook, to collect certain taxes therein mentioned, was read a third time and passed to be enacted. [Sent up by Capt Storrs & Mr Betton.]

Voted, That the hearing on the petition of Jacob Doyne, which was to have been this day, be postponed till to-morrow, of which all persons concerned are to take notice, and govern themselves accordingly. [Sent up by Capt Copland.]

Voted, That the hearings on the petitions of Elisha Payne,[1] Esquire, David Clough, and George Clark, which were to have been this day, be postponed to the third Wednesday of the next session of the General Court, of which all persons concerned are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly. [Sent up by Capt Copland.]

Adjourned to 8 o'clock to morrow morning.

THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 1786.

The House met according to adjournment.

The committee on the petitions of sick and wounded officers and soldiers, &c. having considered the petition of Noah Sinclear, to them referred, reported, That he be entitled to receive fifteen shillings per month to begin at the time his whole pay ceased, and that he be enrolled accordingly, which pay is to be continued, till further order of Court: Signed M. Thornton, for the committee. Which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted. [Sent up by Mr Foster.]

An act to restore Jonathan Elkins to his law, was read a third time and passed to be enacted. [Sent up by Majr Young & Capt Spaulding.]

An act to alter the day of holding the annual meeting in the town of Bedford, was read a third time and passed to be enacted. [Sent up by Majr Young & Capt Spaulding.]

*An act to prevent the destruction of Salmon in Ammanusuck river, was read a third time and passed to be enacted. [Sent up by Majr Young & Capt Spaulding.] *13:158

The committee on the petitions of sick and wounded officers and soldiers having considered the petition of Nehemiah Pierce, to them referred, reported, That the said Pierce is intitled to half-pay, from the time his half-pay ceased, and that it be continued until further order of Court: Signed M. Thornton, for the committee. Which

1. xii. Ham. Town Papers, 388.

report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted. [Sent up by Mr Foster.]

Voted, That the members of the honourable Senate and House of Representatives and their officers, have the same allowance for travel and attendance at this session as was allowed for travel and attendance the last year, and that the Secretary and Clerk make up the [respective] rolls accordingly. [Sent up by Mr Holmes.]

Voted, That when the business of this session is finished [ended], that his Excellency the President, with advice of council, be desired to adjourn the General Court to the first Wednesday in January next, then to meet at Exeter. [Sent up by Mr Holmes.]

The committee to take under consideration an act for the recovery of small debts in an expeditious way and manner, reported, That for all actions brought before a Justice of the Peace, for more than forty shillings, the said Justice at the request of either party, shall call for a Jury, and that an appeal at the request of either party shall be granted to the Inferior or Superior Court, at the option of the party: Signed M. Thornton, for the committee. Which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted, with this amendment, that an appeal at the request of either party be granted to the Superior Court and that a bill be brought in for that purpose. [Sent up by Mr Ashley.]

Voted, That Mr. Robinson, Col. Waldron, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Holmes and Mr. Skinner, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of a letter from the Treasurer, dated June 21, 1786, and report thereon: [Sent up by Mr Holmes.]

*13:159 *Upon hearing and considering the petition of Allen Willard,[1] praying for the privilege of a ferry, *Voted*, That the prayer thereof be granted, and that the petitioner have leave to bring in a bill accordingly, at this or the next session. [Sent up by Mr Ashley.]

Upon hearing and considering the petition of Laban Gates, *Voted*, That the prayer thereof be granted, and that the petitioner have leave to bring in a bill accordingly. [Sent up by Mr Ashley.]

Voted, That Col. Toppan, Col. Welch and General Dow, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of General John Stark, and report thereon. [Sent up by Colo Runnels.]

Whereas James Macgregore, of Londonderry, hath petitioned the General Court, setting forth, that he commenced an action or plea of debt, against Joshua Furber, of Northwood, before a justice of the peace, for sundry breaches of law, and hereby demanding of the said

1. xii. Ham. Town Papers, 218–220.

Furber, ten pounds damages, as accruing on said breaches of law: at the hearing of which action, the said Furber plead that a justice of the peace had no right to take cognizance of any cause where the damages alleged amount to more than forty shillings; notwithstanding which, said justice overruled said plea, and gave judgment in the said MacGregore's favor, for ten pounds damage and cost of suit: from which judgment the said Furber appealed to the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, holden at Portsmouth, in and for the county of Rockingham, on the last Tuesday of May last; which said Inferior Court adjudged that the said Furber's plea was good, and that a justice of the peace ought not to take cognizance of any action, wherein the damage alleged, [or the sums demanded] exceeds the sum of forty shillings:—Whereupon judgment was entered up against him the said MacGregore, for the said Furber's cost; notwithstanding a late act of this state, passed the ninth day of November last, intitled, "An act for the recovery of small debts in an expeditious way and manner;" whereby the said Macgregore conceived himself to be greatly injured, and prayed for direction and redress in the premises.

Therefore, *Resolved*, That said act is a constitutional law of this state, and ought to be observed as such.

And be it further *Resolved*, That the judgment of * the * 13 : 160 Inferior Court aforesaid be and hereby is rendered null and void, and that the said Macgregore shall have liberty, and he is hereby impowered to enter his said action at the Superior Court of Judicature, to be holden at Exeter, in and for said county of Rockingham, on the third Tuesday of September next, and that said Macgregore be impowered to prosecute, and the Justices of said Superior Court to sustain, hear and determine said action, in the same manner as though the same action had been appealed from said Inferior Court of Common Pleas, to said Superior Court of Judicature in usual form, any law, usage or custom, and the judgment aforesaid notwithstanding. [Sent up by Mr McMurphy.]

Adjourned to 3 o'clock. P. M.

Met accordingly.

An act to impower constables to serve all writs, precepts and executions, was read a third time, and passed to be enacted.

[Sent up by Mr Duncan & Mr Cram.]

An act for the support of invalids, was read a third time and passed to be enacted. [Sent up by Mr Jenness & Capt Spaulding.]

Whereas there is in the Treasury of this state, several millions of dollars of the old continental currency [emission], more than this state's proportion, and large sums of the like money are said to have been a long time lying in the hands of many of the citizens of this

state, all of which ought to be passed to the credit of this state in the Continental Treasury account.

Therefore, *Resolved*, That the Treasurer of this state be directed to receive from any person or persons residing within this state, any and all such Continental bills as may be brought into the Treasury before the first day of February next, provided such person or persons shall make oath before the Treasurer that such bills were actually in the possession of, and owned by some citizen of this state on the 22nd day of June, 1786, or provided that the possessors of such bills shall go before some Justice of the Peace, and make oath that he or she was on the day above mentioned possessed of bills to such an amount, and the Justice shall give a certificate of the [sums] same, which shall be produced to the Treasurer when such bills
* 13 : 161 are * offered : in every such case the Treasurer shall give receipt for the same, and the holder or possessor shall be entitled to receive out of the Treasury the sum due to him, to be computed by such scale or rate as Congress may hereafter order, as soon as Congress shall have credited this state for the whole amount of such bills according to such scale or rate, to be by them fixed.

[Sent up by Maj^r Young.]

Voted, That Mr. Wheeler, Mr. Dearborn, and Mr. Daniels, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of James Rundlett, also the petition of Enoch Barker and James Rundlett, and report thereon.

[Sent up by Maj^r Young.]

The committee on the petition of Ezra Child, agent for Bath, reported, That the town of Bath be credited and allowed the sum of seventy-two pounds, for one Samuel Parker, matross in the third artillery regiment, not allowed to any town in this state, and that they be allowed and abated out of their outstanding taxes the sum of forty pounds in full of their accounts for services in scouting, building of forts, and for alarms in the late war; that all taxes up to the valuation taken in 1783, be laid on the lands in said town, exclusive of the polls, and other rateable estate, in the way and manner provided by a resolution of the General Court, in March last, and that the petitioner be heard before the General Court some day in the next session respecting the taxing the lands of non-residents for making and repairing high ways: Signed Elisha Payne, for the committee. Which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted, and that the petitioners be heard thereon before the General Court on the third Wednesday of the next session, and that in the mean time the petitioners cause that the substance of the petition respecting said tax, and order of Court thereon, be published three weeks

successively in one of the New-Hampshire news papers, that any person or persons may then appear, and shew cause (if any they have) why the prayer thereof may not be granted.

[Sent up by Mr Greeley.]

* Upon reading and considering the petition of the selectmen of Warner, *Voted,* That the prayer thereof be * 13 : 162
granted, and that his Excellency the President, be desired to receive and destroy said order of eighty pounds, and give a new order for sixty pounds to [the] said selectmen. [Sent up by Mr Greeley.]

Upon reading and considering the petitions from Sutton and New-London, *Voted*, That the petitioners be heard thereon before the General Court on the third Wednesday of their next session, and that in the mean time, the petitioners cause that a copy of the said [the] petitions and order of Court thereon, be posted up in some publick place in the town of Sutton, also in the town of New-London, at least three weeks successively before said day of hearing, that any person or persons may then appear and shew cause (if any they have) why the prayer [thereof] of said petitions may not be granted. [Sent up by Mr Knowles.]

The committee on the petition of Elizabeth Wallingsford, reported, That a day of hearing be granted on the petition, and that in the mean time, the further proceeding on the judgment be stopped: Signed George Atkinson, for the committee. Which report being read and considered, *Voted,* That it be received and accepted, and that the petitioner be heard thereon before the General Court, on the third Thursday of their next session, and that in the mean time, the petitioner cause that the adverse party be served with a copy of the petition and order of Court thereon, that they may then appear and shew cause (if any they have) why the prayer thereof may not be granted. [Sent up by Colo Wiggin.]

The committee on the petition of the selectmen of Chesterfield,[1] &c. reported, That the town of Chesterfield be allowed out of the fines against said town for deficiencies of men, the sum of seventy-two pounds, for Silas Ray, a continental soldier, not returned for any town in this state: Signed John M'Duffee, for the committee. Which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted, and that the Treasurer credit said town accordingly.

[Sent up by Colo Wiggin.]

The vote on the petition of Doctor Jonathan Gove, appointing yesterday for a hearing on his petition, came down for the following amendment, viz. that the hearing be on the third Wednesday of the next session of the General Court, and that in the mean time the petitioner cause the substance of the petition and order of
Court thereon, to be published three weeks * successively * 13 : 163

1. xi. Ham. Town Papers, 345.

in one of the New-Hampshire news-papers, and also in the paper printed at Windsor, in Vermont, that any person may then appear and shew cause (if any they have) why the prayer [thereof] of said petition may not be granted.

Which amendment was read and concurred.

Voted, That each and every person presenting a petition to the General Court in future shall pay to the clerk of said Court one dollar for each petition so presented and received, and that the Clerk be accountable for the money so received. [Sent up by Mr Chesley.]

On motion made that all persons holding publick securities of this state, shall have liberty to apply to the Treasurer for certificates for the same, which certificates shall be received for all taxes prior to the year 1786: The yeas and nays being called for, were as follows, viz.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Mr. Underhill,	Mr. Leavitt,	Mr. Stiles,	Mr. Rendall,
Mr. Toppan,	Mr. Wheeler,	Mr. Gaskill,	Mr. Ashley,
Mr. Eliot,	Mr. Gile,	Mr. Works,	Mr. M. Smith,
Mr. Cram,	Mr. Foster,	Mr. Chase,	Mr. Kingsbury,
Mr. Knowles,	Mr. Ambrose,	Mr. E. Hale,	Mr. Jenks,
Mr. Chesley,	Mr. Dearborn,	Mr. Mack,	Mr. Holmes,
Mr. Barron,	Mr. Page,	Mr. Copland,	Mr. Kendall,
Mr. Mann,	Mr. Spaulding,	Mr. Kimball,	Mr. Mooney,
Mr. Cragin,	Mr. Cunningham,	Mr. Peters,	Mr. Tolford,
Mr. Greeley,	Mr. Clement,	Mr. Johnson,	Mr. M. Dow.
Mr. Young,	Mr. Smith,		

Nays.	Nays.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Jenness,	Mr. Bedee,	Mr. Robinson,	Mr. D. Emerson,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Means,	[Mr. Runnels],	Mr. Preston,
Mr. Wiggin,	Mr. Putnam,	Mr. M'Murphy,	Mr. Duncan,
Mr. Shaw,	Mr. Wallace,	Mr. Daniels,	Mr. Hadley,
Mr. Merrill,	Mr. Hubbard,	Mr. Hook,	Mr. Clark,
Mr. Emerson,	Mr. Ames,	Mr. Dow,	Mr. Gilmore,
Mr. Welch,	Mr. Freeman,	Mr. Gibson,	Mr. Storrs,
Mr. Betton,	Mr. Sparhawk,	Mr. Badger,	Mr. Skinner.
Mr. Waldron,			

41 Yeas,— 34 Nays. So the motion prevailed.

[Sent up by Mr Chesley.]

Upon reading and considering the petition of Daniel Richardson, *Voted,* That the prayer thereof be granted, and that the Treasurer be directed to receive the said final settlements as though the interest was not paid thereon. [Sent up by Mr Chesley.]

* 13 : 164 * Adjourned to 7 o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 1786.

The House met according to adjournment.

An act to impower John Roach to appear and defend a suit now pending at the Inferior Court in Amherst, brough by Joseph Blanchard against Robert Rogers, Esq. was read a third time and passed to be enacted. [Sent up by Capt Spaulding & Mr Chesley.]

An act to encourage the importation of drugs and wood used in dying cloth, artificers tools, Spanish wool, raw silk, and other raw materials, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

[Sent up by Capt Spaulding & Mr Chesley.]

An act to prevent unnecessary costs to debtors, by bringing actions of debts on judgments, was read a third time and passed to be enacted. [Sent up by Capt Spaulding & Mr Chesley.]

The Speaker and Speaker-Protempore being absent, motion was made for the choice of a Speaker-Protempore, and John Preston, Esquire, was chosen for that purpose.

Voted, That Captain Spaulding, Major Hale, and Mr. Rendall, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Lydia Wallingsford, and report thereon.

[Sent up by Mr Jenness.]

Voted, That Col. Runnels, Mr. Betton, and Mr. Ashley, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of the honourable John Bellows, Esquire, and all similar matters, and report thereon. [Sent up by Mr Cram.]

Voted, That the account of John Calfe [Bellows], Esquire, amounting to seven pounds, eleven shillings and ten pence, be allowed and paid out of the Treasury by order of the President.

[Sent up by Mr Cram.]

Voted, That the ballance of the account of Benjamin Hannaford, amounting to five pounds, two shillings and eight pence, be allowed and paid out of the Treasury by order of the President.

[Sent up by Mr Cram.]

An act in explanation of an act, intitled, "An act to prevent the bodies of debtors being taken on execution, when real or personal estate can be found, or is tendered to satisfy the demand," was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

[Sent up by Mr Duncan & Mr Johnson.]

* The committee on the petition of Mary Robinson, and Asa Robinson, reported, That the prayer of said petition, be granted and that the petitioners have leave to bring in a bill accordingly, at this or the next session: Signed Otis Baker, for the * 13 : 165

committee. Which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted. [Sent up by Mr. Johnson.]

Resolved, That the conduct of Dan Gile, deputy-sheriff and gaol keeper at Keen, in said state, toward John Grandy, jun. a prisoner in said gaol for debt, is contrary to the true intent and meaning of an act of said state, passed the eighth day of November, 1785, intitled, "An act to prevent the bodies of debtors from being taken on [in] execution when real or personal estate can be found, or is tendered to satisfy the demand."

And the said Gile, or the keeper of said gaol, is hereby directed to receive of the said Grandy, any real or personal estate which the said Grandy may tender for satisfying the execution by which he is now detained in said gaol, and proceed to appraise [off] the same in the way pointed out and directed by said act, in full satisfaction of said execution and discharge the said Grandy therefrom.

Provided nevertheless, that if the creditor in said execution named, shall decline accepting such real or personal estate before the same may be appraised in manner aforesaid, and liberate said Grandy from confinement upon the same, the said execution shall carry interest agreeably to said act. [Sent up by Mr Johnson.]

Voted, That Col. Hale, Mr. Dearborn, and Mr. M'Murphy, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to prepare an address to be presented to his Excellency the President, for the removal of Nathaniel Peabody, Esq. from the command of Brigadier-General of the Light-Horse in this state, and lay the same before this House. [Sent up by Mr Johnson.]

Voted, That the account of Ebenezer Thompson and Joseph Pearson, Esquires, amounting to fifty-four pounds twelve shillings, be allowed and paid out of the treasury, by order of the President. [Sent up by Mr. Greeley.]

Voted, That the account of Edward S. Livermore, Esq. amounting to eighteen shillings, be allowed and paid out of the treasury by order of the President. [Sent up by Capt Copland.]

* 13 : 166 * Whereas the cry for paper money has been great among the people at large within this state, principally to enable them to pay their outstanding taxes: for the remedy whereof,

Be it *Resolved*, by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court convened, and it is hereby *Resolved*, That any person or persons holding this state's notes on interest, have liberty to bring in said notes to the Treasurer of this state, who is hereby directed to receive the same and issue certificates therefor, which certificates shall be received in payment of all taxes prior to the year, 1786. [Sent up by Mr Copland.]

Upon hearing and considering the petition of John Dustin, *Voted*, That the prayer of the petition be so far granted, that he have liberty of the oath for the ease and relief of prisoners for debt, if nothing shall appear to the justices before whom he may be admitted to swear, more than the creditor, or his attorney or agent holding a deed, as mentioned in his petition. [Sent up by Mr. Freeman.]

Voted, That his Excellency the President, with advice of Council, be desired to adjourn the General Court to-morrow at twelve o'clock. [Sent up by Mr Freeman.]

An act to encourage the importation of coined gold and silver into this state, was read a third time and passed to be enacted. [Sent up by Mr Freeman & Mr Jenness.]

An act to restore David Coser to his law, was read a third time and passed to be enacted. [Sent up by Mr Freeman & Mr Jenness.]

Adjourned to 3 o'clock, P. M.

Met accordingly.

Voted, That the account of Josiah Gilman, Esq. amounting to eighty-eight pounds, three shillings and six pence, be allowed and paid out of the Treasury, by order of the President. [Sent up by Mr Mack.]

Voted, That the account of John Morrison, amounting to fifteen pounds, be allowed and paid out of the Treasury by order of the President. [Sent up by Mr Mack.]

* *Voted*, That John Pickering, Esq. be, and he hereby * 13 : 167 is appointed agent in behalf of this state, to call on the comptroller of accounts for said state, and obtain information of the balance due from individuals to the state, and proceed forthwith to call on delinquents for the sums due, in the common course of law. Also to call on the several Judges of Probate within this state, for balances due on estates that have been confiscated. [Sent up by Capt Spaulding.]

Voted, that the Treasurer be directed to issue his extent or extents for the outstanding taxes, which became due, or ought to have been paid into the Treasury, on or before the first day of January, [Anno Domini,] 1784, by any town, parish, precinct, or place within this state, immediately on the expiration of four months from this day, and that the Treasurer be directed to issue his extent against any town, parish, place, or precinct for any outstanding tax within said time, as he may judge necessary. [Sent up by Capt Spaulding.]

The committee to devise Standards for the respective corps of horse and foot in this state, reported, That the field of the flag, be a dark purple on a white ground; an oval shield in the middle, encircled with laurel, within which is to be the following device, viz. A man

armed at all points in a posture of defence, his hand on his sword, the sword half drawn — the motto — FREEDOM NOT CONQUEST — thirteen silver stars dispersed over the field of the standard, and properly arranged, so as to encircle the device and motto — The number of each regiment to be marked on its standard.

The standard of the light-horse and artillery the same except the device.— On that of the horse, is a man to be on horse back, compleatly armed, with his hand on a pistol. — And the device of the artillery, a cannonier in uniform, with a lighted match, standing near a field piece, properly pointed, and the motto the same as for the horse and foot before mentioned.

For the alarm companies, standards are to be the same, only instead of being numbered, the words, alarm company, are to be on the flags of the standard: Signed John M'Clary, for the committee. Which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted. [Sent up by Col° Wiggin.]

* 13: 168 * The committee appointed to prepare instructions for the committee chosen to examine whether any of the unimproved lands in the state, are the property of said state or not, reported as followeth, viz. Said committee is directed to obtain the best information respecting the legality of all the grants of lands within the state of New-Hampshire: Also, enquire whether the lines of the Masonian Patent, so called, have heretofore been legally settled or only run ex-parte: Likewise examine how far the several grantees of lands lying within this state have fulfilled the conditions of their several grants, and report the most proper method for said state to pursue in establishing the title to the unimproved lands within the same to said state: Signed Amos Shepherd, for the committee. Which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted. [Sent up by Mr McMurphy.]

Adjourned to 7 o'clock to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 1786.

The House met according to adjournment.

The committee on the Treasurer's letter, beg leave to report, as their opinion: That in adding the sums due to the members of the House, for their attendance in Court, to the specie tax, the Treasurer acted prudently, and that his conduct be approved of by the Court: — That his Excellency the President be desired to write to the President of Congress, for the checks of the notes, commonly called final settlements, or copies of the original records, or both, as he shall think proper. — That the form of the certificates to be issued for the payment of interest on state notes, be as follows, viz.

TREASURY OFFICE,
STATE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE, } (No.) July 31st, 1786.

I John Taylor Gilman, Treasurer of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby certify, that there is due [from said State] to lawful money, and the several Constables and Collectors, within this State, are hereby directed to receive this Certificate in payment of all *assessments and taxes, which are payable in facilities, and the same shall be so received by the Treasurer of this State. *13 : 169

Witness my Hand,

Treasurer.

Signed Joseph Gilman, for the committee. Which report being read and considered, *Voted*, that it be received and accepted.

[Sent up by Capt Peters.]

Voted, That the Treasurer be directed to issue certificates for twenty-five per cent, of the principal of all state securities (in addition to the certificates for interest) to any person or persons that are holders of said securities that may request the same, and that said certificates be received in payment of all state taxes which are payable in facilities. [Sent up by Capt Peters.]

The committee to draught an address to be presented to his Excellency the President, for the removal of Nathaniel Peabody, Esq. from the command of Brigadier-General of the light horse in this state, reported the following address, which was received and accepted.

Voted, That the following address be presented to his Excellency the President:

The address of the Senate and House of Representatives to his Excellency the President, shews, that the appointment of Nathaniel Peabody, Esq. to the office of Brigadier-General of the light horse, has given the good citizens of this state much uneasiness, and we fear will retard (if not entirely hinder) the arrangement and forming that important corps, as gentlemen of character and fortune will not serve under him. We therefore request that your Excellency, with advice of council, will remove the said Peabody from that important and necessary command, in order that it may be filled with a person more to acceptance. [Sent up by Colo Runnels.]

[In consequence of a petition from Warren, the following resolve was passed:]

Resolved, That Captain Absalom Peters be, and he hereby is appointed, authorized and impowered, to call a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Warren, in this state, for the purpose of choos-

ing a town clerk, selectmen and other town officers according to law; and that said Peters post up a warning for said meeting as soon as convenient, therein expressing the purpose of the same,
* 13 : 170 and that said warning be posted up in some * publick place in said town fifteen days before the day of said meeting, and that said Peters attend and open said meeting, and preside as moderator of the same through the whole elections.

[Sent up by Col° Runnels.]

Voted, That there be a committee [appointed, consisting] of two to be chosen by the honourable Senate, and three to be chosen by the House, to take under consideration the petition of Dudley Chase and others; also the petition of Nathaniel Rogers, praying an allowance for losses sustained at the cedars; and all similar matters, [as they may have opportunity,] also that they sit in the recess of the General Court and report at the next session. [Sent up by Maj^r Wallace.]

An Act to restore Laban Gates to his law in a certain action, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

[Sent up by Col° Wiggin & Maj^r Cram.]

An act to vest the exclusive right of keeping a ferry over Connecticut river in Allen Willard,[1] his heirs and assigns, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

[Sent up by Col° Runnels & Mr Jenness.]

The committee on the petition of Ephraim Adams and Joseph Cutler, reported, That Joseph Cutler be allowed fifteen pounds in state security, in full for said horse, mentioned in the petition: Signed E. Payne for the committee. Which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted.

[Sent up by Col° Welch.]

Voted, That John Sparhawk, Esq. and the honourable John Langdon, Esq. be and hereby are appointed a committee to agree with a printer or printers, to print two hundred copies of the journals of the proceedings of the House of Representatives, also a like number of journals of the Senate, one of which is to be sent to each town, and three hundred and fifty copies of the publick acts passed this session, one for each town, one for each member, one for each state in the union, and the remainder for the several courts in this state; That the journals be printed in quarto, or otherways, as they think it best. [Sent up by Col° Wiggin.]

* 13 : 171 * *Voted*, That the state committee, viz. Archibald McMurphy John McDuffee, Daniel Emerson, Jeremiah Stiles, and Charles Johnston, Esquires, have and receive out of the Treasury, five pounds each, in order to furnish them to proceed to

[1] xii. Ham. Town Papers, 218, 220.

the business assigned them, and that the President give order accordingly. [Sent up by Capt Stiles.]

Whereas the places of holding the Probate Court in the several counties in this state, has been found [to be very] inconvenient to the citizens of this state:

Wherefore be it *Resolved*, That the Courts of Probate be held in the several places in the several counties hereafter mentioned, viz.

ROCKINGHAM,

Portsmouth, Exeter, Londonderry, and Pembrook, alternately; to commence at Portsmouth on the third Wednesday of September next.

STRAFFORD,

[viz] Dover, five months on the following days, viz. second Tuesday of [in] September and the third Tuesday in February, April, June and November; Rochester the third Wednesday in December, January, and March, Gilmanton, the third Tuesday in May and July, Moultonborough, the third Tuesday in August; Wolfborough, third Wednesday in October.

HILLSBOROUGH,

[viz] At Amherst, six months, viz, the first days of the sitting of Courts of Common Pleas and Superior Court; Hopkinton, the first Wednesdays of the other six months.

CHESHIRE,

[viz] Keen, Charlestown, Cornish, and Jaffrey, alternately; to begin the first Tuesday of October next, at Keen.

GRAFTON,

[viz] Haverhill, eight months; Plymouth, two months; Hanover, two months: to commence the first Tuesday of December next, and that a copy of this resolve be transmitted to the Judges of the Probate for the several counties in this state, and that they take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

[Sent up by Colo Runnels.]

*13:172 *An act for forming and regulating the militia within this state, and for repealing all the laws heretofore made for that purpose, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

[Sent up by Col° Wiggin & Col° Runnels.]

The committee on the Petition of John Bellows Esq. in behalf of Samuel Fuller, reported, That the said John Bellows have an order on the Treasurer for the sum of Five thousand four hundred and ten pounds, ten shillings, continental money, to be consolidated by the continental scale, to receive the same in State's security with interest, the same being due December 13th, 1779. And also, That the said John Bellows, on account of Benjamin Bellows, Esq. have an order on the Treasurer for the sum of ninety pounds, for pasturing continental cattle, the same being due November 15th, 1779; the same to be consolidated as above, with interest, and to be in full for pasturing said cattle: Signed E. Payne, for the committee. Which report being read and considered, *Voted,* That John Bellows, Esq. be allowed and paid out of the Treasury of this state whatever sum or sums the United States shall credit this state for, in consequence of a certificate or certificates mentioned in the above petition.

[Sent up by Col° Wiggin.]

Voted, That Josiah Gilman, Esq. of Exeter, Thomas Bartlett, Esq. of Nottingham, Robert Wallace, Esq. of Hillsborough, Capt. Abraham Burnham, of Rumney, and Mr. Ephraim Robinson, of Exeter, be and they hereby are appointed a committee to take under consideration the petitions of the towns of Cornish, Plainfield, Lebanon, and all similar matters from towns, places, and [from] individuals in this state; Also, the petition of Nathaniel Rogers and others, praying an allowance for losses sustained at the Cedars; and all similar matters, and that they sit, and report during this session as they may have opportunity: Also, that they sit in the recess of the General Court and report at the next session. [Sent up by Col° Leavitt.]

Adjourned to Monday next, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

*13:173 *MONDAY, JUNE 26, 1786.

The House met according to adjournment.

Read several publick bills, and debated thereon.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock, P. M.

Met accordingly.

An act in amendment of, and addition to an act, intitled, "An act to prevent the destruction of salmon, shad, and alewives, in Merrimac river," passed the ninth day of April, A. D. 1784, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

[Sent up by Mr Kingsbury & Mr Johnson.]

An act for the appointment of special justices was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

[Sent up by Mr Kingsbury & Mr Johnson.]

Adjourned to 7 o'clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, JUNE 27 1786.

The House met according to adjournment.

Voted, That Col. Toppan, Major Hale, Mr. Emerson, Mr. Kingsbury, and General Dow, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the requisition of Congress of the 27th of September, 1785, and report their opinion respecting the collecting and payment of the facilities required.

[Sent up by Mr Spaulding.]

The following vote came down from the honourable Senate for concurrence:

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE. } IN SENATE, June 24th 1786.

Voted, That his Excellency the President, with advice of Council, be requested to appoint a day, to be observed as a day of publick Thanksgiving throughout this state, the approaching fall, and issue a proclamation for that purpose, Was this day read and concurred.

[Sent up by Majr Cram.]

Voted, That the honourable Nicholas Gilman, Esq. be and [he] hereby is appointed a delegate to represent this state in the Congress of the United States, for the term of one year, from and after the first Monday in November next, unless sooner relieved or recalled by the General Court of this state, with all the powers and privileges which other delegates from this state have heretofore had and enjoyed, agreeably to the confederation of the United States.

[Sent up by Majr Cram.]

* Upon reading and considering the petition of Charles Clapham, *Voted*, That the petitioner be heard thereon before the General Court, on the second Tuesday of their next session. * 13 : 174

[Sent up by Colo Waldron.]

On reading and considering the first clause of an act, intitled, "An act for supplying the Treasury with the sum of seventy thousand, two hundred and seventy-seven dollars and one third of a dollar, for the purpose of discharging that part of the requisition of Congress, of the 27th of September, 1785, which is to be paid in facilities, and to impower the Treasurer to pay into the hands of

the Loan-Officer of this state, the sum of ten thousand, [&] five hundred pounds, which was assessed by an act of this state, passed February 28th, 1786; the preamble of which bill and the said first clause, was in the following words:

Whereas Congress, by their requisition aforesaid, have requested from this state one hundred and five thousand dollars, which by said requisition is said to be that part of the interest which is this state's proportion of the foreign and domestic debt, whereof ten thousand five hundred pounds, was assessed by the act passed February 28th, 1786, and the residue remains still to be raised:

Therefore, be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court convened, that the sum of seventy thousand, two hundred and seventy-seven dollars and one third of a dollar, be and hereby is granted to be paid into the Treasury of this state, in certificates, issued for interest on continental securities, on or before the first day of January, 1787, which sum shall be assessed and levied on the polls and rateable estates within this state, agreeably to the last proportion of taxes for the several towns and places in this state, and the Treasurer of this state is hereby directed and required forthwith to issue his warrants for collecting and paying the same into the Treasury, on or before the first day of January next: on which clause, the * yeas and nays being called for, were as follows:

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Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Mr. Sparhawk,	Mr. S. Hale,	Mr. Putnam,	Mr. Kingsbury,
Mr. Robinson,	Mr. Chesley,	Mr. Jackman,	Mr. Chase,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Means,	Mr. Hubbard,	Mr. Jenks,
Mr. Waldron,	Mr. Preston,	Mr. E. Hale,	Mr. Mooney,
Mr. Knowles,			

Nays.	Nays.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. McMurphy,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Brown,	Mr. Daniels,
Mr. Toppan,	Mr. Ashley,	Mr. Elliott,	Mr. Welch,
Mr. N. Emerson,	Mr. Peters,	Mr. Bradley,	Mr. Ambrose,
Mr. Gibson,	Mr. Freeman,	Mr. Hook,	Mr. Dole,
Mr. Dearborn,	Mr. Young,	Mr. Bedee,	Mr. Mann,
Mr. Page,	Mr. Clement,	Mr. Barron,	Mr. Duncan,
Mr. Spaulding,	Mr. Gilmore,	Mr. D. Emerson,	Mr. Greeley,
Mr. Wallace,	Mr. Kendall,	Mr. Cragin,	Mr. Clark,
Mr. Shaw,	Mr. Johnson,	Mr. Leavitt,	Mr. Ames,
Mr. Cram,	Mr. Dow,	Mr. Wiggin,	Mr. Tolford,
Mr. Hadley,	Mr. Underhill,	Mr. Barnard,	Mr. Skinner.

17 Yeas. ——— 44 Nays.

So the said clause [in said bill] was rejected. [and the Bill lay.]

Adjourned to 3 o'clock, P. M.

Met accordingly.

Resolved, That his Excellency the President, with advice of council, be impowered and requested to contract and agree with a post-rider or post-riders to travel through this state, in the rout voted in the House of Representatives, 17th of June [Instant] current, and amended June 20th. [Sent up by Maj^r Hale.]

Resolved, That the Treasurer be, and [he] hereby is directed not to allow any interest in future on the sums due to the several towns and places within this state, for bounties for procuring soldiers, further than up to the present time. [Sent up by Capt Peters.]

The following vote came down from the honourable Senate for concurrence,

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE } IN SENATE June 27th 1786

Resolved, That the Treasurer of this state, and the commissioners of continental accounts, be and hereby are impowered to pursue such measures as they may judge most expedient for taking * in final settlement securities, and also for issuing * 13 : 176 out or disposing of any interest certificates now in the Treasury, and render an account of their proceedings to the General Court at the next session, and that they from time to time advise with the President and Council upon the measures to be adopted. Was read and concurred.

[Sent up by Mr Spaulding.]

An act for regulating the fees of certain officers within the state, and to prevent debtors from being loaded with expensive costs, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

[Sent up by Mr Chesley & Mr Johnson.]

Voted, That when the business of this session is finished, that his Excellency the President, with advice of Council, be desired to adjourn the General Court to the second Wednesday in November next, then to meet at Exeter [Sent up by Mr Emerson.]

An act for appropriating certain monies arising by acts of this state, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

[Sent up by Mr Emerson & Mr Foster.]

Voted, That the account of James Norris, amounting to eight pounds, eighteen shillings and eight pence, be allowed and paid out of the Treasury, by order of the President.

[Sent up by Mr Dearborn.]

An act to enable Mary and Asa Robinson, of Pembrook, to sell the real estate of Peter Robinson, who is incompetent to do the same, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

[Sent up by Mr Dearborn & Mr Knowles.]

Voted, That the honourable Christopher Toppan, and Joseph Gilman, Esquires, be and they hereby are appointed a committee to agree with Col. Samuel Hobart, to granulate the ungranulated powder, now in the hands of the said Hobart, provided he will do it at a price they may think reasonable, and receive a part thereof for his pay. [Sent up by Col° Leavitt.]

*13:177 *The following vote came down from the honourable Senate for concurrence:

STATE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE. } IN SENATE, June 27th, 1786.

Resolved, That upon every petition brought before the Senate, on any private affairs, in which any individual or individuals only are interested, the person preferring the same, shall before it is read in the Senate, pay to the Secretary the sum of six shillings, for which he is to be accountable. [Was read and Concurred —

Sent up by Col° Leavitt.]

Upon reading and considering the petition of Joseph Hall Bartlett, *Voted,* That in all [the] actions brought by appeal to the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, in the County of Rockingham, that exceed forty shillings, which the Court did not sustain, there be no further process until further order of the General Court.

[Sent up by Col° Wiggin.]

Voted, That the account of Caleb Buswell, amounting to four pounds, ten shillings, be allowed and paid out of the Treasury, by order of the President. [Sent up by Mr Gibson.]

The vote for adjournment to the second Wednesday in November next, came down [from the honourable Senate] for an amendment, that instead of said second Wednesday in November, that they meet on the first Wednesday of September next: [Which] was read and concurred. [Sent up by Mr Kingsbury.]

Voted, That Lemuel Holmes, Esquire, be and he hereby is appointed one of the committee on the petitions of Cornish, Lebanon, &c. in the room and stead of Major Robert Wallace, who declines accepting said trust. [Sent up by Mr Kingsbury.]

Voted, That the account of William Duncan, amounting to one pound, and four shillings, be allowed and paid out of the Treasury, by order of the President. [Sent up by Mr Emerson.]

The Secretary came down and informed the House, that he was directed by his Excellency the president, to give information, that he has adjourned the General Court to the first Wednesday in September next, then to meet at Exeter; and the General Court is accordingly adjourned.

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CONTAINING THE PROCEEDINGS FROM

SEPTEMBER 6 TO SEPTEMBER 23, 1786.

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*At a Session of the General Court holden at Exeter on * 2 : 184
Wednesday September 6th, 1786, being the day to which the General Court stook adjourned.

Present in Senate,

His Excellency John Sullivan Esqr President. The Honorable John McClary, Joseph Gilman, Joshua Wentworth, Otis Baker, John McDuffee, John Bellows, and Amos Shepard Esquires. The Honorable John Bell Esqr attended and took the necessary oaths as Senator.

Adjourned 'till to-morrow 9 O'Clock, A. M.

THURSDAY, September 7th 1786.

Met according to adjournment.

* Present as yesterday with the addition of Mr Webster. * 2 : 185
A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider of the petition of Peter Pierce and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred and Mr. Bell joined.

A Vote that Col. John Waldron of Dover and Major Samuel Hale of Barrington be added to the committee to take under consideration the petitions of the Towns of Cornish Plainfield, Lebanon &c. who were appointed at the last Session, and that said committee set during the present Session and at such times as they think fit in the recess of the General Court untill the second Monday of next Session and that no accounts be received after said day, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider what business is necessary to be entered upon and done at this Session and report thereon, brought up, read and concurred, Mr McClary, Mr Wentworth, and Mr Gilman joined Mr Bellows and Mr Baker joined.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to devise ways and means for forwarding one or more Commissioners to attend the Convention at Annapolis, on commercial matters, was brought up, read and concurred.

Adjourned 'till to-morrow, 9 O'Clock, A. M.

*2:186 *FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th 1786.

Met according to adjournment.
Present as yesterday.

A Vote that the House resolve themselves into into a committee of the whole in conjunction with the Honorable Senate, to take under consideration the requisition of Congress of the 27th of September and 2d of August last and any other matters that may be thought necessary, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote granting the prayer of the petition of Charles Henzell and giving him leave to bring a bill or resol[v]e accordingly, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote to hear the petition of William Read, who prays for the privilege of a ferry, on the second Tuesday of the next Session, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider of the petition of the Selectmen of Conway and all similar matters and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred. Mr Baker and Mr Webster joined.

A Vote to hear the petition of John Stuart who prays to have certain Deeds made null and void, on Thursday the 14 Instant, was brought up, read and concurred.

Spent the afternoon in committee of the whole on the Subject of paper Money and adjourned to meet again. The Senate then retired to their Chamber and adjourned till to-morrow 9 O'Clock, A. M.

*2:187 *SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 9th 1786.

Met according to adjournment.
Present as Yesterday.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to examine into the situation of the accounts between this State and the United States, and report how far the committee on Continental accounts have proceeded in a settlement of the same with Mr Gorham Commissioner for the United States, was brought up read and concurred Mr Wentworth joined.

A Vote for a committee to Join a committee of the Senate to consider of an Extent issued by the Treasurer against the Town of Charlestown and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred, Mr Webster joined.

A Vote on the hearing on the petition of Charles Clapham (which was to have been on the 2d Tuesday of this Session) be on Thursday next, was brought up, read and concurred.

The Senate met in committee of the whole on the subject of paper Money.

Adjourned 'till Monday next, 3 O'Clock P. M.

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 11th, 1786.

Met according to adjournment.

Present as on Saturday last except the Honorable Otis Baker.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider * Of the property of receiving any sum of * 2 : 188
money with petitions that may be presented to the General Court also how much shall be paid &c. was brought up, read and concurred Mr Gilman and Mr Wentworth joined.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider the Account of Col. Supply Clap and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred, Mr Webster joined.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider of the petitions from Hamstead, Plastow and Akinson and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred Mr M'Clary and Mr Gilman joined.

Adjourned 'till to-morrow 9 O'Clock A. M.

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 12th 1786.

Met according to adjournment.

Present as yesterday with the addition of Honorable O. Baker.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider of a Bill presented the last Session for complying with the requisition of Congress of 27 September 1785 and report such alterations and amendments as they may be necessary, was brought up, read and concurred; Mr Wentworth and Mr Gilman joined.

A Vote for a committee to joined a committee of the Senate to consider of the petition of Joseph Whipple Esqr and report thereon, was brought up, read andconcurred; Mr McDuffee Joined.

*A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Sen- * 2 : 189
ate to examine the shedue for the last proportion of Taxes

and report whether the Town of Claremont is overtaxed, also report on all similar matters was brought up, read and concurred, Mr Shepard joined.

A Vote granting the prayer of the petition of Josiah Willard, so far as is consistent with the certificate signed by Mr Tickenor late commissary of purchases, and that the said Willard receive his pay in State Notes with interest from November 1779, and that the president give order accordingly, was brought up, read and concurred.

In Senate, September 12th 1786.

The Senate propose the following amendments in the vote of the Honorable house on the petition of John Bellows Esqr viz.

That the committee on Continental accounts receive and liquidate the Demand and give him a Certificate of what is due and charge the same to the United States and that upon said Bellows's producing such Certificate to the president, he shall with advice of Council give an order on the Treasurer for the same; to be paid in a State Note or Notes with interest from the time due, Sent down for concurrence, brough[t] up concurred.

* 2 : 190 *A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider of the petition of Samuel Boyd and report thereon was brought up, read and concurred, Mr M'Clary joined.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to examine the Table of fees and make such alterations and amendments as they may judge necessary and report a bill for that purpose was brought up, read and concurred: Mr Bell joined.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to examine whether there is any Law now in force to prevent persons from going on and improving lands which are the property of this state and if not prepare a resolve for that purpose, was brought up, read and concurred; Mr Bell joined.

A Vote granting the prayer of the petition of Saral Chapin and that she have leave to bring in a bill accordingly, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote on the petition of Samuel Boyd an Invalid, that his pay be made up, Equal to thirty shillings per Month from the time he was enrolled to the thirty first day of July last, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider of the papers presented in behalf of Experience Triskett and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred; Mr McClary joined.

Adjourned 'till to morrow 9 O'Clock, A. M.

* WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th 1786. * 2 : 191

Met according to adjournment.
Present as yesterday.

A Vote to hear the petition of Hampstead, Plastow, Atkinson, on the third Wednesday of the next Session, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider of the accounts of John Morrison and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred; Mr Wentworth and Mr McClary joined.

An Act to restore the property and possession of the Estate of Charles Henzell Esquire and enable him to improve or convey the same, having been read a third time, *voted* that the same be enacted.

A Vote granting the prayer of the petition of the Inhabitants of Henniker and that Major Isaac Chandler of Hopkinton, Nenian Akin Esquire of Dearing, Mr Samuel Coldwell of Weare be and and they hereby are appointed a committee (at the expence of the petitioner to view the situation of said Inhabitants and fix upon a place for building a House for public Worship and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred.

Adjourned to 9, O'Clock to morrow morning.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th 1786.

* Met according to adjournment. * 2 : 192
Present as yesterday.

A Vote to postpone the hearing on the petition of Josiah Gage and others to the second Tuesday of their next Session, was brought up, read and concurred.

IN SENATE September 14th 1786.

An Act in addition to and amendment of an Act entitled, an Act for forming and regulating the Militia within this State and for repealing all the Laws heretofore made for that purpose, having been read a third time, *Voted* that it pass to be enacted, sent down for concurrence.

An Act for supplying the Treasury with seventy thousand two hundred and seventy seven Dollars and one third of a Dollar for the purpose of discharging that part of the requisition of Congress of the twenty seventh of September 1785 which is to be paid in Facilities, having been read a third time, *voted* that the same be enacted.

A Vote to postpone the further consideration of the report of the sub-committee of both houses on a plan for emitting a paper currency, to the next Session of the General Court, and that printed Copies of said plan be sent to the Selectmen of the several Towns and places in this State and that they are hereby requested to call legal Meetings of the Inhabitants of the several towns and places to give their opinion on said plan, and the number for and against said
* 2 : 193 alterations, and that certified Copies from * The Selectmen or the Town Clerk of the several Towns and places be returned to the next Session of the General Court, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider what business is yet necessary to be done at this session, at what time and to what time and place this Court shall be adjourned, Also what allowance shall be made the members of the Honorable Senate and house and their Officers for travel and attendance and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred : Mr McClary Mr Bellows and Mr Bell joined.

A Vote to pay the account of John Morrison amounting to fifty eight pounds nine shillings as Clerk to the committee on Continental Accounts, was brought up, read and concurred, warrant granted.

Adjourned 'till to-morrow 9, O'Clock A. M.

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 15th, 1786.

Met according to adjournment.
Present as Yesterday.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to take under consideration the Act for the recovery of small debts in a more expeditious way and manner and report such alterations and amendments as they may jud[g]e necessary, was brought up, read
* 2 : 194 and concurred, Mr Bellows, *Mr Webster, and Mr Shepard joined.

A Vote to hear the petition of James Banks and Thomas Lewis on the third Thursday of the next Session, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote appointing a committee to view the road commonly travelled from Conway to the uper Coos and report their Opinion what method is best to be taken for the repair of said Road ; and whether any lands through which the ro[a]d passes should be sold for said purpose, was brought up, read and concurred, with this amendment, that the said committee be and hereby are empowered to dispose of so much of said Lands if any their be belonging to the State as will be

sufficient to repair said road and execute vallid conveyances thereof and apply the money to that purpose and render an account to this Court.

An Act in compliance with the Treaty of Peace between the United States and his Britannic Majesty and with the recommendation of Congress of the 14th of January 1784, founded thereon, having been read a third time, *Voted* that the same be enacted.

Adjourned 'till to morrow, 9 O'Clock, A. M.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 16th 1786.

Met according to adjournment.

A Vote to hear the petition of the Town of Keene, Packersfield &c. on the third Wednesday of next * Session, was * 2 : 195
brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote appointing Colonel Edward Bucknam Colonel John McDuffee and Colonel Andrew McMillen a committee to view the road leading from the Town of Conway to the uper Coos &c. was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote to hear the petition of George Hart on the third Thursday of the next Session, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote to hear the petition of Daniel Loring on the third Wednesday of the next Session, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider of the petition of Colonel Nathan Hoit and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred: Mr Baker and Mr McClary joined.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to take under consideration the report of the committee appointed to settle the accounts Between the Treasurer and this State and report what is necessary to be done with the Notes, Certificates &c. was brought up, read and concurred, Mr Gilman joined.

A Vote that the President give order for the payment of an abstract amounting to £856..12..2. was brought up, read and concurred.

*A Vote accepting the report of the Committee on the * 2 : 196
Treasurers account with State, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider what is necessary to be done respecting a petition complaining of the conduct of the Inhabitants of the State of Vermont and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred, Mr Wentworth Mr Bellows and Mr Shepard joined.

Adjourned 'till Monday next 3. O'Clock, P. M.

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 18th, 1786.

Met according to adjournment.
Present as Yesterday.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider of the petition of James Rundlet, Also the petition of Enoch Barker and James Rundlet, likewise the account of Enoch Barker and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred: Mr McDuffee joined.

IN SENATE, September 18th 1786.

Resolved, that for all outstanding Taxes payable in Certificates, the Treasurer be and hereby is directed to receive final Settlement Securities on which no Interest has been paid, at the rate of six shillings and eight pence on the pound. And those on which Interest has been paid up to the thirty first day September 1784 at the rate of five Shillings on the pound untill further orders of the General Court anything * In the Act passed February 28th, 1786 to the contrary notwithstanding, Sent down for concurrence, brought up, concurred.

* 2 : 197

A Vote that his Excellency with advice of Council be empowered to draw On The Treasury in case of emergency for any sum or sums not exceeding £100 and that he account for the sums so drawn, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote to allow Colonel H. Mooney 12£ for an Horse lost at Ticonderoga in 1771, was brought up, read and concurred, warrant granted.

Adjourned 'till to-morrow 9, O'Clock, A. M.

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 19th 1786.

Met according to adjournment.

A Vote that the vote of last Session respecting allowing Depreciation to Officers of Col. Longs Regiment be reconsidered, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote, that the Treasurer of this State be directed not to call on Colonel Hoit for £140 said to be in the hands of S. Dearborn untill further order of the General Court, was brought up, read and concurred.

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Resolved, that the President with advice * Of Council be * 2 : 198
and hereby is empowered to exominate and appoint an Adjutant General of the Militia in this State, and that the said Adjutant General have the rank of Brigadier General, and that he have power to appoint on Deputy in each Division of the Militia by warrant, each of whom to hold the rank of Major, Sent down for concurrence.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider of the Account of Benjamin Biggelow and report thereon, was brought up, read concurred, Mr Bell and Mr Baker joined.

A Vote that the committee on Continental Accounts be and hereby are impowered to hire a proper person as Clerk to assist in said Office and to agree with said Clerk what wages he is to receive for his Service but not to exceed eight Shillings pr Day, was brought up read and concurred.

A Vote that the pay-roll of Elias Tarlton amounting to forty nine pounds be paid out of the Treasury by order of the president, was brought up, read and concurred.

Adjourned 'till to-morrow, 9, O'Clock, A. M.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20,th 1786.

Met according to adjournment.

A Vote to accept the report of the committee appointed to consider what is to be done with Notes, Certificates &c. and
that Josiah * Gilman Esquire Mr Ephraim Robinson and * 2 : 199
Colonel Toppan be a committee to see the report carried into effect, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider of the petition of Effingham and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred ; Mr Baker and Mr McClary joined.

A Vote that all persons holding public Securities of this State shall have liberty to apply to the Treasurer for Certificates for the same, who is hereby authorized to issue in whole or in part for said securities presented, as the bearer may request which Certificates are to be received into the Treasury in payment of all outstanding Taxes prior to the year 1786 the New Emission Tax and the specie tax for 1781 excepted, was brought up, read and Non-concurred.

A Vote to hear the petition of Piermont on the third Wednesday of the next Session, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote that his Excellency the president be desired to call forth a sufficient number Militia to protect the General Court in their present Session, was brought up, read and concurred.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st, 1786.

* 2 : 200 *A Vote that the hearings on the remainder of the petitions which were to have been heard this Day be posponed till to-morrow, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote that the President be requested to return the thanks of both houses to the brave Officers and Soldiers of the Militia for the great Zeal and Alacrity they have discovered in supporting the constitutional Authority of the State and for displaying a Spirit of patriotism and public Virtue, which while it affords the highest satisfaction to the Legislature merits the acknowledgements of every good Citizen of the State, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee to take under consideration what method shall be taken with the prisoners taken this day and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred, Mr Gilman, Mr McClary, Mr McDuffee Mr Bellows and Mr Wentworth joined.

A Vote granting the prayer of the petition of the Inhabitants of Effingham and that the Treasurer govern himself accordingly.

Adjourned till to morrow 9. O'Clock, A. M.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23d, [22d] 1786.

A Vote to hear the petition of Jeremiah Stiles on the second Tuesday of the next Session, was brought up, read and concurred.

* 2 : 201 *A Vote that the prisoners be examined before both branc[h]es of the Legislature in the Senate Chamber as soon as may be was brought up, read and concurred with this amendment, that the examination of the Prisoners be in the meeting house, brought up concurred.

A Vote appointing a Committee to view the situation of the Town of Washington and agree upon a place for sitting a house for public worship and report thereon to the General Court, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote granting the prayer of the petition of the Selectmen of Charlestown and giving them leave to bring in a bill accordingly, was brought up, read and concurred.

An Act for altering, repairing and making fit for the passing of Carts and Waggons, the road from the Town of Conway to the upper Coos; and also for cutting a new road from the said Road which is now used, to the Town of Gunthwait or to the Town of Littletown formerly called Anthrop [Apthorp], was read a third time, *voted* that the same be enacted.

Adjourned 'till to-morrow 9, O'Clock.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23d, 1786.

Met according to adjournment.
Present as Yesterday.

IN SENATE September the 23d, 1786.

Resolved, that there be an addition of three Companies to the first Regiment * Of Light Horse commanded by * 2 : 202
Colonel Amos Cogswell, sent down for concurrence by Col. Shepard brough[t] up concurred.

A Vote that the Treasurer be directed to Issue Certificates for 25 pr Cent of the principal of all State Securities in addition to the Certificates for interest to any person or persons that are holders of said Securities that may request the same and that said Certificates be received in payment of all State Taxes which are payable in facillities was brought up, read and concurred with this amendment, that 15 instead of 25 pr Cent, sent down, brought up, concurred.

A Vote that the President with advice of Council be desired to adjourn the General Court to the second Wednesday in December next then to meet at Concord, was brought up, read and concurred with this amendment to meet at Portsmouth instead of Concord.

An Act to authorize impower Ebenezer Harvey of Chesterfield in said State to compleat the Collection of taxes in said Town for the years 1781, and 1783, was read a third time, and *voted* that the same be enacted.

A Vote granting the prayer of the petition of Elizabeth Lamson and giving her leave to bring in a bill at this or the next Session, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote to pay James Folsom 43/6 in full for a Case for State papers, was brought up, read and concurred: warrant granted.

*A Resolve authorizing the Selectmen of Warren to * 2 : 203
take an Inventory of the Polls and Estates in said Town,
was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote that the Treasury be directed to use his discretion with respect to Issuing Extents, was brought up, read and concurred.

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IN SENATE September 23d, 1786.

Voted that John McKean [James] Cockran, Thomas Cotton, John Gregg and David Batcheldor now in custody for disordily and contemptuous behavour to the Legislature be confined in prison for the space of eight days at the expiration of which the President with advice of Council may either deliver them over to the civil authority or order their release, Sent down for concurrence.

Voted that the President with advice of Council be empowered and requested to agree with post-Riders of agreeably to a vote of the General Court of 27th June last untill the next Session, sent down for concurrence, brought up concurred.

A Vote to allow and pay the account of the Hon. John Calf Esquire amounting to £7..9..0. was brought up, read and concurred, warrant granted.

*2 : 204 *A Vote to pay the Account of Minas Daniels amounting to four pounds as messenger to the Honorable house, was brought up, read and concurred, warrant granted.

A Vote to pay the account of John Nichols amounting to four pounds as Messenger to the Hon. Senate, was brought up, read and concurred, warrant granted.

A Vote that the Treasury be directed not to issue any extent against the Excise master the County of Rockingham for the year 1786, untill the next Session of the General Court, was brought up, read and Non-concurred.

A Vote on the petition of State Prisoners was brought up, read and Non-concurred.

An Act in addition to an Act entitled an Act for forming and regulating the militia within this State and for repealing all the Laws heretofore made for that purpose, having been read a third time *voted* that the same be enacted.

A Resolve that there shall be 3 Regiments of Light Horse instead of 2 as pr a former resolve &c. was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote to pay Benjamin Biggelow forty pounds in full for his account for provisions &c. was brought up, read and concurred, warrant granted.

A Vote that the hearings on petitions from Towns and in-
*2 : 205 dividuals which *Were appointed to be heard on the third Week of the present Session, be postponed to the same days of the third Week in the next Session and that the Secretary give early notice thereof, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote that the Town of Lyme have credit on their Tax for the year 1779 for £90ʒ..4/ after said sum is liquidated, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Resolve that his Excellency be impowered to draw out of the Treasury the sum of £200 to be by him advanced as he shall think fit towards payment of the necessary Expenditures in calling in the Militia to suppress the late insurection to be respectively accounted for by those who shall receive the same on settlement of their by the General Court, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote, that the President may call forth a sufficient number of the Militia, to quell any Riot, Insurrection or attempt the Courts of Justice, or to release any prisoners was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote to release Caleb Smith one of the prisoners in Exeter Goal, was brought up, read concurred.

A Vote that John M'Kean, James Cochran, Thomas Cotton, John Gregg and David Batcheldor now in * Custody * 2 : 206 for disordily, contemptuous and riotous behavour to the Legislature be delivered over to the Superior Court in order that they may be indicted and tried for a riot, and a riot only; and that the Superior Court be desired to proceed accordingly, was brought up, read and concurred.

His Excellency the President sent the Secretary to Honorable house to acquaint them that he, with advice of Council, had adjourned the General Court to the second Wednesday in December next then to meet at Portsmouth.

Attest Joseph Pearson Secʸ.

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OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONTAINING THE PROCEEDINGS FROM

SEPTEMBER 6 TO SEPTEMBER 23, 1786.

OF THE

HON.BL HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OF THE

STATE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

At their Session began and held at Exeter, on Wednesday, the Sixth Day of September, Anno Domini, 1786, *and in the Eleventh Year of the Independence of America.*

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1786.

Several [of the] members attended at the Court House in Exeter, according to adjournment, but there not being a quorum for transacting business, agreed to adjourn to eight o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1786.

Several members met according to adjournment, but there not being a quorum, agreed to adjourn to half after two o'clock in the afternoon.

Met according to adjournment, and there being several members present more than in the forenoon, made a quorum, and proceeded to business.

Voted, That Mr. Betton, Col. Runnels, and Mr. Knowles, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Peter Pearse, and report thereon.

[Sent up by Maj^r Young.]

Voted, That the hearings on the petitions from towns and individuals in this state, which were appointed to be heard on the third week of the present session, be postponed to the same days of the third week of the next session of the General Court, and that the Secretary give early publick notice thereof, that all persons concerned may govern themselves accordingly.

[Sent up by Mr McMurphy.]

Voted, That Col. John Waldron, of Dover, and Major Samuel Hale, of Barrington, be added to the committee to take under consideration the petition of [from] the towns of Cornish, Plainfield, lebanon, &c. who were appointed at the last session of the General Court, and that said committee sit during the present session, and at such times as they think necessary in the recess of the General Court, and until the second Monday of the next session, and that no accounts be received after said day, and that said committee report as soon as may be. [Sent up by Mr Greeley.]

*13 : 179 * *Voted*, That Mr. Pickering, Mr. Robinson and Mr. M'Murphy, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to devise ways and means for forwarding one or more commissioners from this state to attend the convention at Annapolis, on commercial matters, and report thereon.

[Sent up by Mr Gibson.]

Voted, That the honourable Mr. Langdon, Mr. Pickering, Col. Badger, Col. Welch and Mr. Betton, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider what business is necessary first to be entered upon, and done at this session, and report thereon. [Sent up by Majr Young.]

Adjourned to 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1786.

The House met according to adjournment.

Voted, That this House resolve themselves into a committee of the whole, in conjunction with the honourable Senate, as soon as may be, (if they think [see] fit) to take under consideration the requisition of the Congress of the 27th of September 1785, and second of August 1786. and any other matter that may be thought necessary when met. [Sent up by Mr Johnson.]

Upon reading and considering the petition of William Read, praying for the privilege of a ferry, *Voted*, That the petitioner be heard thereon before the General Court, on the second Tuesday of their next session, and that in the mean time the petitioner cause that the selectmen of Litchfield and Merrimac, be served with a copy of the

petition and order of Court thereon, that they, or either of them may then appear and shew cause (if any they have) why the prayer thereof may not be granted. [Sent up by Capt Barron.]

Voted, That Mr. Gibson, Mr. Betton, Mr. Jenks, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Bedee, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of the selectmen of Conway and all similar matters, and report thereon.

[Sent up by Capt Barron.]

* Upon reading and considering the petition of John * 13 : 180 Stuart, *Voted*, That the petitioner be heard thereon on Thursday the 14th instant, and that in the mean time the petitioner cause that Thomas Stuart and Samuel Stuart, mentioned in said petition, be served with a copy of the petition and order of Court thereon, that they may then appear, and shew cause (if any they have) why the prayer thereof may not be granted. [Sent up by Capt Barron.]

Upon reading and considering the petition of Captain Charles Henzell, *Voted*, That the prayer of said petition be granted, and that he have leave to bring in a bill or resolve accordingly.

[Sent up by Colo Wiggin.]

The honourable Senate and House being met in committee of the whole, agreeably to a vote of this day, his Excellency the President appointed Chairman, proceeded to the consideration of the requisition of Congress of the 27th of September, 1785, respecting a compliance with that part thereof which calls for a tax to be paid in facilities, and came to the following vote : — *Voted* to comply with said requisition, — Proceeded to consider the requisition of Congress of the 2d of August, 1786, and *Voted*, To postpone the further consideration thereof to the next session of the General Court.

They then proceeded to consider of the petitions from sundry towns and places in this state, praying for a redress of grievances, paper-money,[1] &c. and after some debate thereon, agreed to postpone the further consideration thereof till the afternoon ; the committee then rose with leave to sit again, and the Speaker resumed the chair.

Adjourned to half after 2 o'clock P. M. [in the afternoon.]

Met accordingly.

The honourable Senate and House [of Representatives] being again met in committee of the whole, his Excellency the President in the chair, resumed the consideration of the petitions from sundry towns and places in this state, respecting a paper currency and after much debate thereon, came to the following vote :

Voted, That his Excellency the President, the honourable Speaker, Mr. Sparhawk, Mr. M'Murphy, Col. Welch, Col. Run

1. xi. Ham. Town Papers, 122, 319, 488.

nels, Col. Bell, Col. Wentworth and Col. Waldron, be a sub-committee to consider of the propriety of making a quantity
* 13 : 181 of paper-money * for a circulating medium of trade, and if [said committee agree] agreed [to by said committee] to emit the same, to report the sum they may judge necessary to be emitted, the way and manner of issuing the same, together with the manner in which the same shall be redeemed, &c. [after some further debate.] They [then] voted to reconsider the foregoing vote, and [voted] to postpone the further consideration thereof till to-morrow. The committee then rose with leave to sit again, and the Speaker resumed the chair.

The House then adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1786.

The House then met according to adjournment.

Voted, That Mr. Sparhawk, Mr. Preston and Mr. Hubbard, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to examine into the situation of the accounts between this state and the United States, and report how far the committee on continental accounts have proceeded in a settlement of the same with Mr. Gorham, commissioner for the United States.

[Sent up by Mr Greeley.]

Voted, That Mr. Sparhawk, Col. Badger, Col. Waldron, Mr. McMurphy and Mr. Hubbard, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Joseph Whipple Esq. and report thereon. [Sent up by Mr Greeley.]

Voted, That Col. Leavitt, Col. Runnels and Col. Wiggin, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of an extent issued by the Treasurer, against the town of Charlestown, and report thereon. [Sent up by Colo Welch.]

Voted, That Mr. Betton, Mr. Pickering and Mr. Gibson, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the propriety of receiving any sum of money with petitions that [they] may be presented to the General Court; Also, how much shall be paid, to whom, and how appropriated, and report thereon.

[Sent up by Mr Page.]

Voted, That the hearing on the petition of Charles Clapham, which was [appointed] to have been on the second Tuesday of this session of the General Court, be on Thursday next, the vote for postponing the publick hearings not-withstanding.

[Sent up by Colo Waldron.]

* The honourable Senate and House being again met in * 13 : 182
committee of the whole, his Excellency the President in the chair, resumed the consideration of the matter of paper-money, and voted to appoint a sub-committee, consisting of nine persons, to report the best plan they can devise for emitting paper-money, and that the committee consist of the following persons, viz. His Excellency the President, Col. Bell, Col. Shepard, Col. Bellows, Col. Runnels, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Betton, Col. Welch and Mr. McMurphy, and that said committee report thereon Wednesday next.

Voted, That the honourable Speaker, [Mr Langdon] Mr. Pickering, Col. Wentworth, Mr. Sparhawk and Col. McClary, be a committee to prepare a bill for carrying into effect the articles of the definitive treaty [of peace] and report thereon. The committee then rose with leave to sit again, and the Speaker resumed the chair.

Adjourned to Monday next, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1786.

The House met according to adjournment.

Voted, That Mr. Hubbard, Mr. McMurphy, and Mr. Young, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the account of Col. Supply Clapp, and report thereon.

[Sent up by Capt Smith.]

Voted that Mr. Preston, Col. Toppan, and Mr. Betton, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petitions from Hamstead, Plastow and Atkinson,[1] respecting representation, and report thereon.

[Sent up by Capt Barron.]

Voted, That Mr. Sparhawk, Mr. Thompson, Captain Smith, Major Ashley and Mr. Storrs, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the propriety of fining those towns and places in this state that are entitled to the privilege of sending a representative, but neglect the same, and report thereon.

[Sent up by Colo Lovell.]

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1786.

The House met according to adjournment.

* An act to restore the property and possession of the * 13 : 183
estate of Charles Henzell, Esq. and enable him to im-

1. xi. Ham Town Papers, 131, 132.

prove or convey the same, was read a third time and passed to be enacted. [Sent up by Maj^r Young & Mr Greeley.]

Voted, That General Dow, Mr. Robinson and Mr. Gibson, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of a bill presented at the last session, for complying with the requisition of Congress of the 27th of September, 1785, and report such alterations and amendments as they may judge necessary. [Sent up by Col^o McMillan.]

Voted, That, Mr. Knowles, Mr. Thompson and Mr. Chase, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to examine the Schedule for the last proportion of taxes, and report whether the town of Claremont is over taxed: also report on all similar matters. [Sent up by Col^o Leavitt.]

Upon reading and considering the petition of Sarah Chapin and Justus Chapin, *Voted*, that the prayer thereof be granted, and that the petitioners have leave to bring in a bill accordingly.

[Sent up by Mr Holmes.]

Upon reading and considering the petition of sundry inhabitants of Keen, Packersfield, Gilsom and Stoddard, *Voted*, That the petitioners be heard thereon before the General Court, on the third Wednesday of their next session, and that in the mean time the petitioners cause that the selectmen of the towns of Keen, Packersfield, Gilsom and Stoddard, each be served with a copy of the petition and order of Court thereon, that they [or either of them] may then appear and shew cause (if any they have) why the prayer thereof may not be granted. [Sent up by Capt Barron.]

The honourable Senate returned the vote of the last session in favor of John Bellows, Esq (which was not then concurred) for the following amendment: That the committee on continental accounts receive and liquidate the demand and give him a certificate of what is due, and charge the same to the United States, and that upon said Bellows's producing such certificate to the President, he shall, with advice of Council, give an order on the Treasurer for the same, to be paid in a state note or notes with interest from the time due, which amendment was read and concurred.

[Sent up by Genl Dow.]

* 13 : 184 * Upon reading and considering the petition of Josiah Willard,[1] *Voted*, that the prayer thereof be so far granted as is consistent with the certificate signed by Isaac Tichner, late commissary of [the] purchases, and that the said Willard receive his pay in state notes, with interest from November, 1779, and that the President give order accordingly. [Sent up by Mr Johnson.]

1. xiii. Ham. Town Papers. 668.

Voted, That Mr. Thompson, Mr. Gibson and Mr. McMurphy, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Samuel Boyd, and report thereon.

[Sent up by Mr Clement.]

Voted, That Mr. Thompson, Mr. Dearborn and Col. Welch, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to examine whether there is any law now in force to prevent persons from going on and improving lands which are the property of the [this] state, and if not, to prepare a resolve for that purpose.

[Sent up by Mr Chesley.]

Voted, That Mr. Sparhawk, Doct. Preston, Mr. McMurphy, Col. Badger and Mr. Duncan, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to examine the Tables of Fees for this state, and make such alterations and amendments as they judge necessary, and report a bill for that purpose.

[Sent up by Mr Kingsbury.]

Adjourned to 3 o'clock, P. M.

Met accordingly.

Whereas a vote passed the General Court of this state the 22d. of June last, calling on each and every person presenting a petition to said Court, to pay to the Clerk one dollar, for which he was accountable. Also a vote of the 27th, requiring the person preferring a petition to the Senate on any private affair in which any individual or individuals only are interested, to pay the Secretary six shillings, for which he was accountable, are found inconvenient. Therefore,

Resolved, That the aforementioned votes be reconsidered, and that upon every petition presented to this house on any private affair, in which any individual or individuals only are interested, the person preferring the same shall, before it is read, pay to the Clerk six shillings lawful money, and that the Clerk at the close of each session account for all sums so received, to the Treasurer of the state. [Sent up by Colo Welch.]

* *Voted*, That Mr. Robinson, Col. Runnels and Mr. * 13 : 185
Wheeler, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall
join, be a committee to consider of the papers presented in behalf of Experience Triskett, and report thereon. [Sent up by Capt Storrs.]

The committee on the petition of Samuel Boyd, reported, that the prayer of the petition be granted, and that his pay be made up equal to thirty shillings per month, from the time he was enrolled, to the 31st day of July last, agreeable to a resolution of Congress, of the 23d [day] of April, 1782: Signed John McClarey, for the committee. Which report being read and considered, *Voted*,

That it be received and accepted, and that the paymaster of [the] invalids certify the sum due, and that the President give order [accordingly] for payment in usual form. [Signed Joseph Gilman for the committee which report being read and considered, *Voted*, that it be received and accepted — Sent up by Mr McMurphy.]

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1786.

The House met according to adjournment.

The committee on the petitions of Hamstead, Plastow and Atkinson,[1] reported as their opinion, that a day of hearing be appointed in the next session; Whereupon, *Voted* That the petitioners be heard thereon before the General Court, on the third Wednesday of their next session, and that in the mean time the petitioners cause that the substance of the petitions and order [of Court] thereon, be posted up in some publick place in each of said towns three weeks successively, prior to the day of hearing, [that any person or persons may then appear, and shew cause (if any they have) why the prayer thereof may not be granted. Sent up by Capt Underhill.]

Voted, That Mr. Duncan, Mr. Preston, and Col. Runnels, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the accounts of John Morrison, and report thereon. [Sent up by Capt Underhill.]

Upon reading and considering the petition of the inhabitents of Hinnekar, *Voted*, That the prayer thereof be granted, and that Major Isaac Chandler, of Hopkinton, Ninean Akin, Esq. of Dearing, and Mr. Samuel Caldwell, of Weare, be and they hereby are appointed a committee, at the expence of the petitioners, to view the situation of said inhabitents and fix upon a place for building a house for publick worship, and report thereon. [Sent up by Capt Underhill.]

* 13 : 186 * The honourable Senate and House being again met in committee of the whole, his Excellency the President in the chair. The sub-committee appointed to devise the best plan for emitting paper-money, brought in a report, which was read several times, and after some debate thereon, agreed to postpone the further consideration thereof until the afternoon. The committee then rose with leave to sit again, and the speaker resumed the chair.

The House then adjourned to 3 o'clock, P. M.

Met accordingly.

Voted, That Col. Runnels, Major Means, and Col. Leavitt, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to

1. xi. Ham. Town Papers, 131–132.

consider of the petition of the inhabitants of Effingham, and report thereon. [Sent up by Capt Peters.]

The honourable Senate and House being again met in committee of the whole, (his Excellency the President in the chair) resumed the consideration of the report of the sub-committee on a plan for emitting a paper-currency, and after debating thereon, came to the following vote:

Voted, To postpone the determination on said report to the next session of the General Court, and that printed copies of said plan be sent to the selectmen of the several towns and places in this state, and they are hereby requested to call legal meetings of the inhabitants of the several towns and places to give their opinions on said plan, and the numbers for and against it, or any alterations they may think best to make, and the numbers for and against such alterations, and that certified copies from the selectmen or town Clerk of the several towns and places be returned to the next session of the General Court. The committee then rose with leave to sit again, and the Speaker resumed the chair.

Motion was then made to accept the foregoing report of the committee of the whole, and *voted* that said report be accepted.

[Sent up by Capt Copland.]

Voted, That the hearing on the petition of Josiah Gage, and others, which was to have been this day before the General Court, be postponed to the second Tuesday of their next [session,] of which all persons concerned, are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly. [Sent up by Capt Copland.]

* Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. * 13 : 187

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1786.

The House met according to adjournment.

An act for supplying the Treasury with the sum of seventy thousand two hundred and seventy-seven dollars and one third of a dollar, for the purpose of discharging that part of the requisition of Congress of the twenty-seventh of September, 1785, which is to be paid in facilities, was read a third time, and passed to be enacted. [Sent up by Capt Copland & Capt Peters.]

Voted, That the vote of yesterday for accepting the report of a committee of the whole on the plan reported by the sub-committee, and for sending out the same for the opinion of the people at large, be reconsidered.

The honourable Senate and House being again met, in committee of the whole (His Excellency the President in the chair) again took

under consideration the report of the sub-committee, on the plan for emitting a paper currency, and motion was made for reconsidering the vote of yesterday, which passed in committee of the whole, and after debating thereon, *Voted*, To adhere to the vote of yesterday: the committee then rose with leave to sit again, and the Speaker resumed the chair.

Motion was then made to accept the report of the committee of the whole respecting the plan for a paper currency, and the yeas and nays being called for, were as follows : [viz.]

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Hon. J. Langdon, Esq.	Mr. Clement,	Mr. Mann,
Col. Runnels,	Mr. Jackman,	Mr. Preston,
Mr. Jenness,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. [A.] Kingsbury,
Col. Toppan,	Mr. Hubbard,	Capt. Ashley,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Betton,	Capt. Works,
Mr. Elliott,	Mr. Gibson,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Gile,	Mr. Knowles,	Mr. S. Kingsbury,
Mr. Cram,	Col. Badger,	Mr. Jenks,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Bedee,	Mr. Mack,
Mr. Bradley,	Capt. Ambrose,	Mr. Holmes,
Capt. Dow,	Mr. Chesley,	Capt. Copland,
Col. Putnam,	Col. McMillan,	Mr. Ames,
Mr. Spaulding,	Mr. Marsh,	Major Kimball,
Col. Cragin,	Col. Lovell,	Col. Mooney,
Capt. Cunningham,	Capt. Barron,	Capt. Storrs,
Mr. Duncan,	Mr. Dole,	Major Freeman,
Capt. Hadley,	Mr. Page,	Mr. Skinner.
Mr. Greeley,	Major Means,	
Nays.	**Nays.**	**Nays.**
Mr. Robinson,	Mr. Barnard,	Mr. Chase,
Col. Leavitt,	Col. Welch,	Mr. Peters,
Mr. Shaw,	Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Johnson,
Mr. Wheeler,	Mr. Rendall,	Major Young.

53 yeas. —— 12 Nays.

So the report was accepted. [Sent up by Mr Dole.]

* 13 : 188 * *Voted*, That Mr. Robinson, Col. Waldron, Major Means, Mr. A. Kingsbury, and Captain Peters, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider [of] what business is yet necessary to be done at this session, and at what time, and to what time and place this Court shall be adjourned, also consider what allowance shall be made the members of the honourable Senate and House of Representatives, and their officers, for travel and attendance at the present session, and report thereon.

[Sent up by Mr Dole.]

Upon reading and considering the petition of Thomas Clark, and others, inhabitants of Piermont, *Voted*, That the petitioners be heard thereon before the General Court, on the third Wednesday of their next session, and that in the mean time the petitioners cause that the selectmen of Piermont, be served with a copy of the petition, and order of Court thereon, that they may then appear, and shew cause (if any they have) why the prayer thereof may not be granted.

[Sent up by Capt Underhill.]

Adjourned to 3 o'clock P. M.

Met accordingly.

Agreeably to the order of the day, proceeded to hear the parties on John Stuart's petition, and after a full hearing thereon, *Voted*, To dismiss said petition.

An act, in addition to and [in] amendment of an act, intitled "an act for forming and regulating the militia within this state and for repealing all the laws heretofore made for that purpose," came down from the honourable Senate for concurrence, was read, and non-concurred.

The committee on the accounts of John Morrison, for writing Continental accounts, reported, That the said Morrison be allowed and paid out of the Treasury nine shillings per day, from his first entering that service, agreeably to the accounts tendered, amounting to fifty eight pounds nineteen shillings, Signed Joshua Wentworth, for the committee. Which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted.

Voted, That the Treasurer be directed to receive [the] final settlement securities (on which interest has * not been * 13 : 189 paid) at the rate of six shillings and eight pence on the pound, in payment of out standing taxes agreeably to an act of this state, until further order of the General Court.

[Sent up by Majr Means.]

An act in compliance with the treaty of peace, between the United States, and his Britannick Majesty, and with the recommendation of Congress, of the 14th of January, 1784, founded thereon, was read a third time, and the yeas and nays being called for, were as follow:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Hon. Mr. Langdon,	Mr. Elliott,	Mr. Bedee,	Capt. Ashley,
Mr. Robinson,	Mr. Foster,	Capt. Ambrose,	Capt. Works,
Mr. Jenness,	Mr. Bradley,	Mr. Chesley,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Dearborn,	Col. Welch,	Mr. Duncan,	Mr. Chase,
Mr. Preston,	Col. Waldron,	Capt. Smith,	Col. Mooney,
Capt. Cunningham,	Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Hubbard,	Capt. Storrs,
Col. Toppan,	Mr. Knowles,	Mr. [A.] Kingsbury,	Maj. Freeman,
Mr. Brown,	Maj. Hale,	Mr. Rendall,	Maj. Young.

Nays.	Nays.	Nays.	Nays.
Col. Runnels,	Mr. Gibson,	Capt. Hadley,	Capt. Copland,
Mr. McMurphy,	Col. Badger,	Mr. Greeley,	Mr. Ames,
Mr. Shaw,	Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Clement,	Mr. Kendall,
Mr. Merrill,	Capt. Barron,	Mr. Jackman,	Maj. Kimball,
Mr. Wheeler,	Mr. Dole,	Mr. Clark,	Capt. Peters,
Mr. Gile,	Mr. Page,	Mr. S. Kingsbury,	Mr. Johnson,
Mr. Barnard,	Mr. Emerson,	Mr. Jenks,	Gen. Dow.
Mr. Daniels,	Mr. Mann,	Mr. Mack,	
Capt. Dow,	Mr. Spaulding,	Mr. Holmes,	

32 Yeas, —— 34 Nays.

So it passed in the negative.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1786.

The House met according to adjournment.

Voted, That General Dow, Mr. Duncan, Mr. McMurphy, Colonel Toppan, and Colonel Waldron, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to take under consideration the act for the recovery of small debts in an expeditious way and manner, and report such alterations and amendments, as they may judge necessary. [Sent up by Col° Welch.]

Upon reading and considering the petition of the selectmen of Chesterfield,[1] *Voted*, That the prayer thereof be granted, and that the petitioners have leave to bring in a bill accordingly.

[Sent up by Mr Smith.]

Upon reading and considering the petition of James Banks, * 13 : 190 and Thomas Lewis, *Voted*, That the petitioners be * heard thereon before the General Court, on the third Thursday of their next session, and that in the mean time the petitioners cause that the substance of the petition and order of court thereon, be published three weeks successively, in one of the New-Hampshire newspapers, that any person or persons may then appear and shew cause (if any they have) why the prayer thereof may not be granted.

[Sent up by Mr Dole.]

Upon reading and considering the petition of David Wilson and Susannah Wilson, *Voted*, That the petitioners be heard thereon before the General Court, on the third Thursday of their next session, and [that] in the mean time the petitioners cause that a copy of the petition and order of Court thereon, be posted up in some publick place in the town of Winchester, three weeks successively, prior to said day of hearing, that any person or persons may then ap-

1. xi. Ham. Town Papers, 345.

pear and shew cause (if any they have) why the prayer thereof may not be granted. [Sent up by Col° Badger.]

Adjourned to 3 o'clock P. M.

Met accordingly.

Motion was made to reconsider the vote of yesterday, respecting the act for complying with the treaty of peace, and *Voted*, That the said vote of yesterday be reconsidered.

An act in compliance with the definitive treaty of peace between the United States, and his Britannick Majesty, and with the recommendation of Congress, of the 14th of January, 1784, founded thereon, was read a third time, and the yeas and nays being called for, were as follow, viz,

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Hon. Mr. Langdon,	Mr. Foster,	Mr. Dearborn,	Mr. Hubbard,
Mr. Pickering,	Mr. Bradley,	Col. McMillan,	Mr. [A.] Kingsbury,
Mr. Sparhawk,	Col. Welch,	Col. Lovell,	Mr. Rendall,
Mr. Robinson,	Mr. Betton,	Major Means,	Mr. Ashley,
Mr. Jenness,	Col. Waldron,	Mr. Preston,	Capt. Works,
Col. Toppan,	Mr. Thompson,	Col. Putnam,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Knowles,	Col. Cragin,	Mr. Chase,
Col. Wiggin,	Maj. Hale,	Capt. Cunningham,	Col. Mooney,
Mr. Eliott,	Mr. Bedee,	Mr. Duncan,	Maj. Freeman,
Mr. Gile,	Mr. Ambrose,	Capt. Smith,	Mr. Skinner,
Mr. Cram,	Mr. Chesley,	Mr. Clark,	Maj. Young.

*Nays.	Nays.	Nays.	Nays. * 13 : 191
Col. Runnels,	Mr. Gibson,	Mr. Greeley,	Mr. Ames,
Mr. McMurphy,	Col. Badger,	Mr. Clement,	Mr. Kendall,
Col. Leavitt,	Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Jackman,	Maj. Kimball,
Mr. Shaw,	Capt. Barron,	Mr. Gilmore,	Capt. Peters,
Mr. Merrill,	Mr. Dole,	Mr. S. Kingsbury,	Mr. Tolford,
Mr. Wheeler,	Mr. Page,	Mr. Jenks,	Mr. Johnson,
Mr. Barnard,	Mr. Emerson,	Mr. Mack,	Gen. Dow,
Mr. Daniels,	Mr. Mann,	Mr. Holmes,	
Capt. Dow,	Capt. Hadley,	Capt. Copland,	

44 Yeas, —— 34 Nays.

So it passed to be enacted.

[Sent up by Mr Sparhawk & Capt Hadley.]

Voted, That all persons holding publick securities of this state, shall have liberty to apply to the Treasurer for certificates for the same, who is hereby authorized to issue certificates in whole or in part for said securities presented, as the bearer may request [require], which certificates are to be received into the Treasury in payment

of all taxes prior to the year 1786 — The New-Emission tax, and the [specie] tax for 1781, excepted. [Sent up by Col° Badger.]

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1786.

The House met according to adjournment.

Voted, That Colonel Edwards Bucknam, of Lancaster, Colonel John McDuffee, of Rochester, and Colonel Andrew McMillan, of Conway, be a committee to view the road leading from the town of Conway to the Upper Cooss, and cause the same to be repaired (or altered where necessity requires) and made fit for carriages; and also [to] cut a new road from the said road, which is now used to the town of Apthorp or Gunthwait, if they shall find the same [to be] of publick utility, and necessary for the inhabitants of that part of the state, and that they sell of the unappropriated lands belonging to this state, near unto, or through which said road shall pass, as shall be sufficient to make the road passable with carts and waggons, and that a bill be brought in for that purpose.

[Sent up by Mr Greeley.]

Voted, That Mr. Thompson, Colonel Badger, and Colonel Runnels, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Col. Nathan Hoit, and report thereon. [Sent up by Mr Greeley.]

* 13 : 192 * Upon reading and considering the petition of George Hart, *Voted*, That the petitioner be heard thereon before the General Court, on the third Thursday of their next session, and that in the mean time the petitioner cause that Nehemiah Furber, and Mary Furber, be served with a copy of the petition, and order of Court thereon, that they may then appear, and shew cause (if any they have) why the prayer thereof may not be granted.

[Sent up by Col° Runnels.]

Upon reading and considering the petition of Daniel Loring, *Voted*, That the petitioner be heard thereon before the General Court, on the third Wednesday of their next session, and that in the mean time the petitioner cause that Asahel Goodenough, of East-Sudbury, [in the] county of Middlesex, and commonwealth of Massachusetts, be served with a copy of the petition and order of Court thereon, that he may then appear and shew cause (if any he hath) why the prayer thereof may not be granted; and that all further proceedings against [the] said Loring, be stayed until the decision of the General Court. [Sent up by Gen[l] Dow.]

The committee appointed by the General Court in their session in

June last, to settle the accounts between the Treasurer and the state, reported as follows, viz.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, EXETER, August 17, 1786.

We the subscribers, a committee appointed by the General Court, [at their session] in June last, to settle the accounts between the Treasurer and the state, beg leave to report, That we have carefully examined the account of the notes and certificates issued by the Treasurer, from the twenty-third [day] of May, 1785, (the day to which he was settled with by a former committee) to the day of this [the] date hereof, viz. An account of notes issued, dated July 31st, 1784, and numbered from 4603 to 4656 inclusive, amounting to one thousand, eight hundred, [and] thirty-four pounds, eighteen shillings; also, an accountof sundry notes of particular dates, from May 23d, 1785, to July 31st, 1785, numbered from 169 to 187 inclusive, amounting to one thousand, two *hundred and *13:193 twenty-two pounds, nine shillings and nine pence; also, an account for notes [issued] dated July 31st, 1785, numbered from 1 to 2444 inclusive, amounting to one hundred and four thousand, one hundred and seventy-four pounds, six shillings and one penny.

We have also examined an account of certificates issued for interest, dated July 31st, 1784, and numbered from 2783 to 2902 inclusive, amounting to six hundred [and] eighty-three pounds, one shilling and nine pence; [also an account of certificates issued for fifteen per cent. of the principal of notes, numbered from 2798 to 2919 inclusive, amounting to eight hundred and eighty-five pounds, seven shillings and nine pence;] also, an account of certificates dated July 31st, 1785, issued for interest, and fifteen per cent. of the principal of notes, and numbered from 1 to 3421 inclusive, amounting to twenty-seven thousand, five hundred and seventy-three pounds, one shilling. All which issues of notes and certificates are accounted for by receipt, for interest, and fifteen per cent. of [the] principal paid and indorsed on sundry notes, and by producing old notes taken up agreeably to acts and resolves of the General Court. [and by orders drawn by the President of the state agreeably to acts and resolves of said Court.]

We have likewise received of the Treasurer sundry certificates which he has received for taxes &c. which were issued by the late and present Treasurer, dated July 31st, 1782, amounting to four hundred and fifty eight pounds, three shillings; also, sundry certificates issued by the present Treasurer, dated July 31st, 1783, amounting to seven hundred and ninety-four pounds, three shillings and one penny; also, sundry certificates dated July 31st, 1784, for interest on notes and

orders, amounting to four thousand eight hundred and six pounds, eleven shillings and eight pence; also, sundry certificates dated July 31st, 1784, issued for fifteen per cent. of the principal on state notes, amounting to four thousand, seven hundred and eighty-one pounds, twelve shillings; also, certificates dated July 31st, 1785, issued for interest, and fifteen per cent. of the principal of state notes and orders, amounting to eighteen thousand, seven hundred and twelve pounds, eleven shillings and ten pence; also, sundry certificates, July 31st, 1786, for interest on state notes, amounting to two
* 13 : 194 * hundred and forty-four pounds, fifteen shillings and ten pence; also, certificates for interest, issued by the Continental Loan-Officer of this state, amounting to seven thousand, four hundred and sixty one pounds, four shillings and six pence; also fifty-three thousand, four hundred and eighteen dollars, in bills of the new emission of this state; also, certificates issued by the Board of War, for cloathing, amounting to eight pounds, three shillings and six pence.

We have likewise received sundry consolidated notes, which were received for taxes, viz. One note dated July 31st, 1782, which after deducting 15 per cent. paid, amounts to one hundred and thirty-seven pounds, two shillings and one penny; and sundry notes dated July 31st, 1785, amounting to one thousand, two hundred and twenty-four pounds, sixteen shillings and eight pence; also sundry notes which were taken up, and for which new notes and certificates have been issued, viz. Consolidated notes, amounting to one hundred and thirty thousand, two hundred and ninety-one pounds, two shillings and nine pence; depreciation notes, amounting to one hundred and thirty-five pounds, fifteen shillings and one penny; bounty notes, four hundred and forty-five pounds; and notes for money borrowed, and horses purchased, amounting to two thousand, five hundred and eighty pounds; also, certificates issued by the collectors of beef cattle, in the year 1782, amounting to two hundred and fifty seven pounds, fourteen shillings and one penny; also receipts for bounties for killing wolves, amounting to three hundred and twenty-seven pounds, fourteen shillings; also, continental final settlement notes, amounting to twenty three thousand, nine hundred and ninety [Dollars] and $\frac{57}{90}$ dollars; also, copper plate interest bills of this state,
* 13 : 195 amounting to eleven pounds, ten shillings: — *All which we have secured and are ready to deliver as the honourable Court shall please to order.

The account in bills of the new emission herewith exhibited is well vouched; There is now outstanding of the second new emission tax for the year 1781, the sum of two thousand four hundred and twenty-

nine pounds, two shillings and six pence, in said bills, which is to be charged to the Treasurer in a new account.

The charges in the hard money account, are also well vouched, and amount to one hundred sixty-three thousand, six hundred and twenty-six pounds, five shillings and eight pence; and we find due for the outstanding taxes, ninety thousand two hundred and fifty-two pounds, sixteen shillings and five pence, (including the tax for the current year) which is to be charged to the Treasurer in a new account. The balance due from the Treasurer is sixty eight pounds, eighteen shillings and six pence, three farthings; we have left in the hands of the Treasurer sundry orders and rolls on which he has paid the sum of one thousand nine hundred and two pounds, and seven pence for which he is to be debited in his new account. There is also due to the state on excise bonds, now in his hands, the sum of two thousand, seven hundred and fifteen pounds, seven shillings and six pence, (including the excise for the current year) for which he is to be accountable. We have received an excise bond, signed by Joseph Thomas and others, dated March, 1773, which has been paid and ought to be given up. We also find due to the state from sundry towns, for deficiency of soldiers, five thousand four hundred and seventy-seven pounds, one shilling and one penny. The account in continental money is also well vouched and the Treasurer has paid into the hands of the continental Loan Officer, one million, three hundred [and] eighty-seven thousand, five hundred and fifty dollars (agreeably to a vote of the General Court, of the 15th of June 1786) as per receipt; * there is also in the hands of the Treasurer, three million, eight hundred and ten thousand, two hundred and eighty dollars of said continental money for which he is accountable. * 13 : 196

We beg leave to observe that the whole of the accounts have been kept regular and fair, and that the transacting of the business (considering the variety and multiplicity thereof) must have been attended with much labour and care.

Signed THOMAS ODIORNE, JOHN CALFE, EPHRAIM ROBINSON, } Committee.

Which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted. [Sent up by Mr Robinson.]

Voted, That Mr. Thompson, Major Hale, and Mr. Chase, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to take under consideration the report of the committee appointed to settle the accounts between the Treasurer and this state, and report what

is necessary to be done with the notes, certificates, &c. that the committee received of the Treasurer, [and report thereon.]

[Sent up by Mr Robinson.]

Voted, That the President give order for the payment of the abstract of sums unpaid on certain rolls therein mentioned, (which rolls the committee to settle with the Treasurer received from him) amounting to eight hundred, fifty-six pounds, twelve shillings and two pence. [Sent up by Mr Robinson.]

Voted, That Mr. Hubbard, General Dow, Major Means, Mr. Mann, and Col. Wiggin, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider what is necessary to be done respecting a petition that was preferred at the last session, complaining of the conduct of the inhabitants of the state of Vermont,[1] and report thereon. [Sent up by Mr Chase.]

The committee to take under consideration the act for the recovery of small debts in an expeditious way and manner, and report such alterations and amendments as they judged necessary, reported, That the said act stands in need of no alterations or amendments: Signed John Bellows, for the committee. * Which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted. [Sent up by Mr Foster.]

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Voted, That when the business of this session is finished, that his Excellency the President with advice of Council be desired to adjourn the General Court to the second Wednesday in December next, then to meet at Concord. [Sent up by Capt Copland.]

Adjourned to Monday next, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1786.

The House met according to adjournment.

Voted, That Mr. Wheeler, Mr. Preston, and Mr. McMurphy, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of James Rundlet; also the petition of Enoch Barker, and James Rundlet, likewise the account of Enoch Barker and report thereon. [Sent up by Mr Holmes.]

Voted, That his Excellency the President with advice of council, be impowered to draw on the Treasury in case of emergency, for any sum or sums not exceeding one hundred pounds, and that he account for the sums so drawn. [Sent up by Mr Foster.]

Voted, That Col. Hercules Mooney be allowed twelve pounds for a horse, saddle and bridle, lost in the retreat from Ticonderoga, in July, 1777, and that the President give order on the Treasurer for [the payment of] said sum. [Sent up by Mr Foster.]

1. xi. Ham. Town Papers, 452.

The following resolve came down from the honourable Senate for concurrence.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE } IN SENATE, September 18th, 1786.

Resolved, That for all outstanding taxes payable in certificates, the Treasurer be, and hereby is directed, to receive final settlement securities, on which no interest has been paid, at the rate of six shillings and eight pence on the pound and those on which the interest has been paid up to the 31st day of December, 1784, at the rate of five shillings on the pound, until further order of the General Court; any thing in the act passed February 28, 1786, to the contrary notwithstanding. Signed,

JOHN SULLIVAN, President.

[Which Resolve] Was read and concurred.

[Sent up by Mr Foster.]

* The committee on the petition of Col. Nathan Hoit, * 13 : 198
reported, That the Treasurer of this state be directed not to call on Col. Hoit for said sum of one hundred and forty pounds, said to be in the hands of said Dearborn, until further order of the General Court : Signed John M'Clary, for the committee. Which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted.

Adjourned to 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1786.

The House met according to adjournment.

Voted, That the vote of the last session, respecting allowing depreciation to the officers of Col. Pierce Long's Regiment, be re-considered; the said regiment having been discharged before the Continental scale of depreciation. [Sent up by Mr Marsh.]

Read and debated on bills to be enacted.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock, P. M.

Met accordingly.

Voted, That the committee on continental accounts be, and they hereby are impowered to hire a proper person as a Clerk, to assist in said office, and to agree with said Clerk, what wages he is to receive for his service, but not to exceed eight shillings per day.

[Sent up by Majr Young.]

Voted, That Mr. Robinson, Mr. Gibson and Mr. Emerson with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the account of Mr. Benjamin Bigelow, and report thereon.

[Sent up by Col° Wiggin.]

Voted, That the pay roll of Elias Tarlton, amounting to forty-nine pounds, lawful money, be allowed and paid out of the Treasury by order of the President. [Sent up by Capt Copland.]

The committee appointed to consider what is to be done with notes, certificates, &c. &c. which have been received by the committee appointed to settle the Treasurer's accounts, reported, That the state notes and certificates issued for interest, and fifteen per cent. of the principal, and also, the copper-plate money which have been received by him for taxes, be burned.—That the certificates which
* 13 : 199 were issued * by the Loan-Officer for payment of the interest on loan-office certificates, which have been received by the Treasurer, the new emission bills, and final settlement securities, be lodged with the Treasurer; that all orders which have been received for taxes, as well as all other publick papers, be lodged with the committee [Commissioner] on accounts; that a committee be appointed for the above purpose, and that they take proper receipts for all the above papers: signed Joseph Gilman, for the committee. Which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted, and that Joseph Gilman, Esquire, Mr. Robinson and Col. Toppan, be a committee to see the foregoing report carried into effect. [Sent up by Capt Stiles.]

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 1786.

The House met according to adjournment.

An act to authorize and impower Ebenezer Harvey, of Chesterfield, in said state, to compleat the collection of taxes in said town, for the years one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one, and one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three, was read a third time, and passed to be enacted. [Sent up by Mr Young & Mr Kingsbury.]

Voted, That the Treasurer be directed to issue certificates for twentyfive per cent. of the principal of all state securities in addition to the certificates for interest to any person or persons that are holders of said securities that may request the same, and that said certificates be received in payment of all state taxes which are payable in facilities. [Sent up by Mr Copland.]

Voted, That James Folsom, Jun. be allowed forty-three shillings

and six pence, in full for his account for a case for state papers, and that the President give order on the Treasurer for said sum.

[Sent up by Mr Copland.]

Adjourned to three o'clock P. M.

Met accordingly.

Upon hearing and considering the petition of William Thomas,[1] praying for the privilege of a ferry [over a certain part of Connecticut river,] *Voted*, That the prayer thereof be granted, and that [he] the petitioner have leave to bring in a bill accordingly, at this or the next session. [Sent up by Capt Stiles.]

* Upon hearing and considering the petition of Elisabeth Lamson, praying to be restored to her law in a certain action, *Voted*, That the prayer thereof be granted, and that the petitioner have [hath] leave to bring in a bill accordingly at this or the next session. [Sent up by Capt Stiles.] * 13 : 200

Voted, That Mr. Robinson, Col. Waldron, Mr. Duncan, Captain Stiles and General Dow, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of a petition signed [by] Joseph French[2] and Richard Adams,[3] and report thereon.

[Sent up by Mr Duncan.]

Voted, That Captain Stiles, Col. Toppan and Col. Hale, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Col. Jedediah Sangor,[4] and others, and report thereon. [Sent up by Capt Stiles.]

An Act for altering, repairing, and making fit for the passing of carts and waggons, the road from the town of Conway to the upper Cooss, and also for cutting a new road from the said road which is now used to the town of Gunthwait or to the town of Littleton, formerly called Apthorp, was read a third time and passed to be enacted. [Sent up by Capt Stiles & Mr Chesley.]

Agreeably to the order of the day, proceeded to hear several parties on their petitions; agreed to postpone the determination thereof till to-morrow.

Voted, That the hearings on the remainder of the petitions [which] were to have been this day, be postponed until to-morrow, of which all persons concerned are to take notice, and govern themselves accordingly. [Sent up by Mr Kingsbury.]

Adjourned for two minutes, then to meet in the Senate chamber.

Met according to adjournment [accordingly].

Voted, That his Excellency, the President, be desired to call forth a sufficient number of the militia to protect the General Court in their present session. [Sent up by Mr Hubbard.]

1. xi. Ham. Town Papers, 346. 2. xii. Ham. Town Papers, 93.
3. xii. id 479. 4. xiii. id. 514.

* 13 : 201 * Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning, then to meet at the meeting-house.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1786.

Several members met according to adjournment, but there not being a quorum for transacting business, agreed to adjourn to three o'clock, P. M.

Met accordingly.

The committee on the account of Mr. Benjamin Bigelow, reported, That he have the sum of forty pounds, in full of his account: Signed John Bell, for the committee. Which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted, and that the President give order accordingly. [Sent up by Mr McMurphy.]

Upon reading and considering the petition of the selectmen of Charlestown, *Voted*, That the prayer thereof be granted, and that the petitioners have leave to bring in a bill accordingly, at this or the next session. [Sent up by Mr Wheeler.]

Voted, That the President be requested to return the thanks of both Houses to the brave officers and soldiers of the militia, for the great zeal and alacrity they have discovered in supporting the constitutional authority of the state; and for displaying a spirit of patriotism and publick virtue, which, while it affords the highest satisfaction to the legislature, merits the acknowledgement of every good citizen of this state. [Sent up by Mr Duncan.]

Voted, That the honourable Mr. Langdon, Col. Badger, Mr. Means, Major Ashley, General Dow, Col. Toppan, Col. Putnam, Mr. Gibson and Mr. Preston, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to take into consideration what method shall be taken, respecting [with] the prisoners taken this day, and report thereon. [Sent up by Mr Foster.]

Upon hearing [reading] and considering the petition of Captain Jeremiah Stiles, *Voted*, That the petitioner be heard thereon before the General Court, on the second Tuesday of their next session, and that in the mean time the petitioner cause that the executor to the estate of Col. Samuel King, deceased, be served with a copy of the petition and order of Court thereon, that he may then appear, and shew cause (if any he hath) why the prayer thereof may not be granted. [Sent up by Majr Young.]

* 13 : 202 * The committee on the petition of the inhabitants of Effingham, reported, That the prayer thereof be granted: Signed John M'Clary, for the committee. Which report being read

and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted, and that the Treasurer govern himself accordingly. [Sent up by Mr Chesley.]

[Upon reading and considering the Petition from the Inhabitants of Washington, *Voted*, that Mr Gibson, Mr Robinson, and Mr Duncan be a Committee to consider of said Petition and report thereon.]

Voted, That the petitions which were to have been heard this day before the General Court, be postponed till to-morrow, of which all persons concerned, are to take notice, and govern themselves accordingly. [Sent up by Colo Welch.]

Voted, That the Treasurer be directed to credit the town of Lyme on their tax for the year 1779, the amount of a receipt, signed by Jonathan Child, Assistant-Commissary of purchases, dated November 1st, 1780, of nine hundred and nine pounds, four shillings, after [liquidating] having liquidated said sum by the scale of depreciation. [Sent up by Mr Skinner.]

Upon hearing and considering the petition from Washington, *Voted*, That Major Robert Wallace, of Hinnekar, Capt. Joseph Simonds, of Hillsborough, and Major Silas Wright, of Stoddard,, be a committee, at the expence of the town of Washington, to view the situation of said town, and agree on a place for sitting a house of publick worship in said town, and report thereon to the General Court. [Sent up by Mr Skinner.]

Adjourned to 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1786.

The House met according to adjournment.

Voted, That the vote of yesterday, appointing a committee to examine the prisoners, be reconsidered, and that the said prisoners taken yesterday, be examined before both branches of the legislature in the Senate chamber as soon as may be. [Sent up by Capt Copland.]

* *Voted*, That the Treasurer of this state be directed to * 13 : 203
use his discretion with respect to issuing extents against
the several towns and places in this state, for all outstanding taxes due to said state, the vote of the last session to the contrary notwithstanding. [Sent up by Doctr Preston.]

The vote of this day, respecting examining the prisoners in the Senate chamber, came back for the following amendment, viz. "That the examination of the prisoners be in the meeting house;" which amendment was read and concurred. [Sent up by Capt Copland.]

Whereas the General Court, on the twenty-fourth [day] of June last, passed a resolve impowering Captain Absalom Peters, to call a meet-

ing of the inhabitants of the town of Warren, for the purpose of chusing a town clerk, selectmen, and other town officers; but said resolve did not authorise said selectmen to take an inventory of the said town, which by law ought to be taken in the month of April annually, by reason whereof some difficulties may ensue:

Therefore, *Resolved*, by the Senate and House of Representatives, That the selectmen in said town, who have been or may be chosen pursuant to said resolve, be and they [hereby] are authorised and impowered to take an inventory of the polls and estates in said town, which shall be as valid as if taken in the month of April last, and to do and execute the duty and office of selectmen, in all things as though they had been chosen at their annual March meeting. [Sent up by Gen[l] Dow.]

Whereas by a resolve of the General Court, passed the seventeenth day of June, Anno Domini, 1785, it was Resolved, That there should be two regiments of light-horse raised by this state, and organized as therein set forth, and whereas it is found necessary that there should be three regiments of light-horse raised in this state, instead of the two regiments before mentioned:

Therefore be it *Resolved*, by the Senate and House of Representatives, That there should be three regiments of light-horse raised in this state, instead of the two regiments mentioned in the
* 13 : 204 aforesaid resolve, to wit, One regiment in the easterly *part of this state, one in the centre upon [the] Merrimac river, and one upon [the] Connecticut river, which regiments shall consist of the same number of companies each, and each company to consist of the same number and rank of officers, and the same number of privates mentioned in the aforesaid resolve.

[Sent up by M[r] Dearborn.]

Agreeably to the vote of this day, both branches of the legislature being in the meeting-house, [met] proceeded to the examination of the prisoners taken yesterday, and after examining Captain French, Major Cochran, Captain M[c]Kean, David Batcheldor, Captain Cochran, and Ensign Cotton, [they were returned to gaol,] and a determination respecting them postponed 'till the afternoon.

The Senate then returned to the Senate chamber.

The House then adjourned to 3 o'clock, P. M.

Met accordingly.

Both branches of the legislature being again met, *Voted*, That General Nathaniel Folsom, General Joseph Cilley and General George Reid, be a committee to examine the prisoners taken yesterday, [who are now in gaol,] and report to this legislature as soon as may be. After receiving a verbal report from said committee, the prisoners which were not examined in the forenoon were brought before

both branches of the legislature, and after a full examination, a number of them were set at liberty. The two branches then agreed to hold a conference in the Senate chamber as soon as possible. The Senate then withdrew, and the House adjourned for two minutes, then to meet in the Senate chamber, and met accordingly. Proceeded to a conference on the matter of releasing prisoners, and agreed to release a number more to-morrow morning [after calling them before both branches.]

The House then adjourned to 8 o'clock to-morrow morning, then to meet at the meeting-house.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1786.

The House met according to adjournment.

Both branches of the legislature being again met in the meeting house, the prisoners were brought in that were to be released, and after being informed by his Excellency [the President] of the nature of their crime, &c. were also * informed that in * 13 : 205 consideration of their penitence they were forgiven, and liberated accordingly. They then proceeded to consider what was best to be done with the remainder of the prisoners, who appeared more active and guilty than those already forgiven; after which Captain French and Major Cochran were brought forward, who appeared very penitent, and were set at liberty; three of the other prisoners were also forgiven. The Senate then withdrew, and the House proceeded to business.

Voted, That the thanks of this House be presented to his Excellency the President, for his firm, zealous and decisive exertions in suppressing the late audacious insurrection of a body of unprincipled men against the legislative authority of this state, and assure his excellency, that his conduct in the whole affair, meets their highest approbation and esteem. [Sent up by Mr Dearborn.]

Voted, That Caleb Smith, one of the prisoners in Exeter gaol, be released, and that his Excellency the President give order accordingly. [Sent up by Mr Dearborn.]

The following vote came down from the honourable Senate for concurrence:

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE } IN SENATE, September 23, 1786.

Resolved, That there be an addition of three companies to the first regiment of light-horse, commanded by Col. Amos Cogswell.

JOHN SULLIVAN, President.

[Sent up for concurrence.]

Was read and concurred.

The vote for issuing twenty-five per cent. of the principal of state securities, &c. came down for the following amendment, "that it be fifteen instead of twenty-five per cent." Which amendment was read and concurred.

Resolved, That his Excellency the President be impowered to draw out of the Treasury the sum of two hundred pounds, to by him advanced as he may [shall] think fit, towards payment of the necessary expenditures in calling in the militia to suppress the late insurrection; to be [respectively] accounted for by those who shall receive the same, on settlement of their accounts by the General Court.

[Sent up by Capt Stiles.]

Voted, That in any high handed riot, insurrection, or attempt to obstruct the Courts of Justice, or to release any person in this state, the President may, and is fully impowered to call forth a
* 13 : 206 sufficient number of the militia to * quell the same, and to preserve the peace and good order of the [this] state.

[Sent up by Capt Stiles.]

Upon reading and considering the petition of the prisoners confined in gaol for disorderly and contemptuous behavior to the legislature, *Voted,* That the prayer thereof be granted, and that his Excellency the President give order for the release of said prisoners.

[Sent up by Col^o Welch.]

An act in addition to an act, intitled, "an act for forming and regulating the militia within this state, and for repealing all the laws heretofore made for that purpose," was read a third time and passed to be enacted. [Sent up by Col^o Welch & Mr Page.]

Voted, That the Treasurer be directed not to issue any extent against the excise-master in the county of Rockingham for the year 1786, until the next session of the General Court.

[Sent up by Mr Kingsbury.]

Voted, That the account of Minas Daniels, amounting to four pounds, be allowed and paid out of the Treasury by order of the President. [Sent up by Mr Kingsbury.]

Voted, That the account of John Nicols, amounting to four pounds be allowed and paid out of the Treasury by order of the President.

[Sent up by Mr Kingsbury.]

Voted, That the account of John Calfe, Esq. amounting to seven pounds, nine shillings, be allowed and paid out of the Treasury by order of the President. [Sent up by Mr Kingsbury.]

The following votes came down from the honourable Senate for concurrence:

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE } IN SENATE September 23d, 1786

Voted, That John McKean, James Cochran, Thomas Cotton, John Gregg, and David Batchelder, now in custody for disorderly and contemptuous behavior to the *legislature, be *13:207 confined in prison for [the space of] eight days.

Was read and [but not] concurred.

Voted, That the President, with advice of Council, be impowered and requested to agree with post riders agreeably to a vote of the General Court, of the 27th of June last, until the next session.

Was read and concurred. [Sent up by Mr Eliott.]

Voted, That John McKean, James Cochran, Thomas Cotton, John Gregg, and David Batchelder, now in custody for disorderly, contemptuous and riotous behavior to the legislature, be delivered over to the Superior Court, in order that they may be indited and tried for a riot, and a riot only, and that the Superior Court be desired to proceed accordingly. [Sent up by Mr Wheeler.]

The Secretary came down and [informed] gave information that he was directed by his Excellency the President, to inform, that He, with advice of Council, has adjourned the General Court to the second Wednesday of December next, Then to meet at Portsmouth [and it is accordingly adjourned].

JOURNAL OF THE SENATE.

CONTAINING THE PROCEEDINGS FROM

DECEMBER 13, 1786, TO JANUARY 18, 1787.

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*At a Session of the General Court holden at Portsmouth *2 : 206
on Wednesday December 13th 1786, being the Day which the General Court stood adjourned.

Present, His Excellency John Sullivan Esqr President.

Of the members of the Honorable Senate attended by reason of bad traveling.

THURSDAY, December 14th 1786,

Present
His Excellency John Sullivan Esqr President.
The Honorable George Atkinson Esqr
Adjourned 'till to-morrow —

* FRIDAY December 15th 1786. *2 : 207

Present as Yesterday.
Adjourned 'till to-morrow 9 O'Clock A. M.

SATURDAY December 16th 1786.

Present as Yesterday.
Adjourned 'till Monday next 3 O'Clock P. M.

MONDAY DECEMBER 18th 1786.

Met according to adjournment.
Present His Excellency John Sullivan Esqr President.
The Honorable Joseph Wentworth
George Atkinson
Otis Baker
John McDuffee
Ebenezer Webster
John Bellows
Amos Shepard
Elisha Payne.
Adjourned 'till 9 O'Clock A. M.

TUESDAY DECEMBER 19th 1786.

Met according to adjournment.
Present as Yesterday with the addition of the Honorable Joseph Gilman Esqr

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Sen-
* 2 : 208 ate to consider * Of the Petition of Major Samuel Jones and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred : Mr Webster joined.

A Vote, that the Treasurer be directed to attend the General Court in their present Session at Portsmouth with such books and papers as necessary for transacting public Business, was brought up, read and concurred.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

IN SENATE DECEMBER 19th 1786.

Voted, That the honorable Joshua Wentworth Elisha Payne Joseph Gilman and John Bellows Esquires, with such of the Honorable House as they may join, be a committee to consider of his Excellency's Message and report thereon ; and also of any other important Business which may require the attention of the General Court in their present Session, was sent down for concurrence, by Col. Shepard, brought up, concurred.

Adjourned 'till to-morrow 9, O'Clock A. M.

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 20th 1786.

Met according to adjournment.

Present as yesterday with the addition of the Honble M. Thornton.

A Vote that the Reverend Doctor Haven and the Reverend Mr Buckminister be required to attend the General Court as Chaplains alternately during the present Session, was brought up, read and concurred.

*A Vote that the allowance for travel and attendance for the members of the Honorable Senate and house of Representatives and their Officers be the same at the last Session as was allowed in June last and that the Secretary and Clerk make up the rolls accordingly and that the President give order for payment in the usual way, was brought up, read and concurred. *2 : 209

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider of the Petition of the Selectmen of Marlborough and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred: M^r McDuffee joined.

A Vote to pay the account of John Morrison amounting to fourteen pounds for writing with the committee on Continental Accounts, was brought up, read and concurred, warrant granted.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

IN SENATE DECEMBER 20th 1786.

A Vote that Mr Shepard and Mr Payne with such of the Honourable House as they may join, be a committee to consider of the petition of the Selectmen of Walpole, and report thereon, was sent down for concurrence, by McDuffee brought up joined.

A Vote, that the Meeting house in Washington be set on a spot of ground *A few roads Southeast of the pond agreea[ble] to a Vote of said Town passed September 6th 1779, was brought up, read and concurred. *2 : 210

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider of the most Speedy and effectual means for printing the Acts Resolves and Journals of the General Court of the two last Sessions and in future and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred; Mr Wentworth joined.

Adjourned 'till to-morrow 9, O'Clock A. M.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 21st 1786.

Met according to adjournment.
Present as yesterday.

A Vote to accept the report of the committee appointed to establish the boundaries between the Town of Lebanon and Enfield, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider of an Inventory presented from the Town of Littleton which was a part of which was formally called Anthrop and report what proportion Littleton or Dalton ought to be taxed, was brought up, read and concurred: Mr Gilman joined.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee to consider of the petition of Peter R. Stevens, and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred: Mr Thornton joined.

A Vote that the power granted to the President by a
*2:211 vote of the General Court of the *23d of September last respecting calling forth the Militia to quell any high handed Riot &c. be discontinued, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to take under consideration a Resolve of the General Court passed 22d September la[s]t respecting an addition to the Light Horse and report their opinion respecting said addition and prefix on a time when the Light horse shall be equipped, was brought up, read and concurred Mr Webster Mr Shepard and Mr Payne joined.

A Vote to pay the account of Major Jonathan Cass amounting to twenty-two Shillings for sending an Express to carry arrests to several Officers, was brought up, read and concurred, warrant granted.

A Vote that the House Resolve themselves in a committee of the whole, in conjunction with the Honorable Senate, to meet at 3 O'Clock P. M. to take under consideration the Requisitions of Congress for an augmentation of Troops &c. and any other matter that may be thought necessary when met, was brought up, read, and nonconcurred.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE } IN SENATE DEC. 21st 1786

A Vote that the Senate will go into a conference with the Honorable House, if they see fit, this afternoon at three of the
*2:212 Clock, was sent down by Mr Payne *Brought up, concurred.

A Vote that the Treasurer be directed to receive from Nahum Baldwin Esquire State Notes (or Securities) in discharge of the Execution against him agreeably to a Vote of the General Court of the 21 June last, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider of the petition of Lucy Fay, and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred: Mr Bellows joined.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider of the petition of Enoch Richardson and E. Odell and all similar matters, was brought up, read and concurred, Mr Gilman and Mr Bellows joined.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to take under consideration the Impost and excise Acts now in force and report a bill making such alterations and amendments as they may Judge necessary in the former acts and ascertaining the method of collecting in future and how the profits shall be appropriated, was brought up, read and concurred: Mr Payne Mr Gilman and Mr Atkinson joined.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider of the returns respecting paper Money &c. was brought up, read and concurred Mr Thornton and Mr McDuffee joined.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee to consider of the petition of David Place and all similar matters and report thereon, was brough[t] up, read and cond Mr Thornton & Mr Shepard joined.

*Adjourned 'till to-morrow 9, O'Clock A. M. * 2 : 213

FRIDAY, Decmeber 22d 1786.

Met according to adjournment.

Present as yesterday with the addition of Mr Bell.

An Act to empower the Superior and Inferior Courts respectively to hear and determine upon all matters and causes for restoring persons to their Law, was sent down for concurrence by Mr McDuffee.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to draught a letter to Congress requesting that the time may be lengthened in which the Continental Commissioners may continue to receive the claims of this State against the united States untill April next, was brought up, read and concurred. Mr Atkinson and Mr Wentworth joined.

A Vote that Mr Gilman, Mr Wentworth and Mr Payne, with such of the Honorable house as may join be a committee to examine and report this State Qota of the foreign and domestic Debt of the

United States, and also the amount of the State debt and what the proportion of each would be to the respective Towns in this State, was sent down for concurrence, by Mr Webster, brought up concurred.

An Act to impower the Several Towns and Parishes in
*2:214 this State to chuse new Constables and Collectors *In room of such Constables and Collectors as have deceased or may hereafter decease, or have absconded, or shall hereafter abscond without compleating the collecting of the Taxes committed to them; And to authorize such new Elected Constables and Collectors to complete such Collection, was sent down for concurrence by Mr Bellows, brought up concurred.

A Vote granting the prayer of the petition of Jacob Copland, and that he have leave to bring in a bill accordingly, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider of the petition from the Town of Winchester and Chesterfield and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred, Mr Shepard joined.

A Vote to hear the petition of Samuel Thompson on the second Tuesday of January next, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider of the account of Lamson and Ranlet for printing and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred. : Mr Wentworth joined.

Adjourned till to-morrow 9. O'Clock A. M.

SATURDAY, December 23d, 1786.

Met according to adjournment.
Present as Yesterday.

*2:215 A Vote granting the prayer of the petition *Of Hercules Mooney in behalf of the Inhabitants of New-Hampton and giving them leave to bring in a bill accordingly, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote granting the prayer of the petition of Mary Hart and giving her leave to bring in a bill accordingly was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote to hear the petition of William Gregg on the second Tuesday of January next, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to take under consideration the Table of Fees and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred: Mr Payne and Mr Bellows joined.

Adjourned 'till Monday next 3 O'Clock P. M.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25th 1786

Met according to adjournment.
Present as on Saturday last except Mr McDuffee.

An Act to restore Elizabeth Lamson to her Law having been read a third time, *Voted*, that the same be enacted.

A Vote to pay the Account of John Sparhawk Esquire amounting to thirty four Shillings in full for Wood &c. was brought up, read and concurred, warrant granted.

*A Vote that John Pickering be added to the committee *2:216
for draughting Impost and Exise bills, was brought up,
read and concurred.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to examine whether there is any Laws now in force to empower the Selectmen to assess any arrearerages of taxes against Towns which have been called upon by the State for Taxes in Years past and an assessment has been neglected and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred, Mr Baker joined.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider of the petition of Abigail Hall and all similar matters and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred, Mr Bell joined.

Adjourned till to-morrow 9. O'Clock A. M.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26th 1786.

Met accordinging to adjournment.
Present all the Senate except Col John McClary.

A Vote that all the acts and Resolves be printed as heretofore, and the Journals in Octavo. Acts and resolves at two pence half penny pr Sheet and the Journals at five pence pr Sheet to be paid in Specie. unappropriation to be made of monies on the impost revinue, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote to Comply with the requisition of Congress of the twentieth of October 1786 respecting 260 men proportioned to this State, was brought up, read and concurred.

*A Vote, for a committee to join a committee of the *2:217
Senate to consider of the petition of Enoch Barker and
James Rundlet, and their accounts was brought up, read and concurred, Mr Payne joined.

Adjourned till to-morrow 9. O'Clock A. M.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27th, 1786.

Met according to adjournment.
Present as yesterday.

A Vote that Lucy Fay is entitled to seven years half pay agreeably to the resolves of Congress &c. was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote to postpone the public hearings which were to have been this day, to Friday next, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider of the petition of Major Joseph Kimball, was brought up, read and concurred: Mr Wentworth joined.

A Vote granting the prayer of the petition of the inhabitants of Pelham and giving them leave to bring in a bill accordingly, was brought up read and concurred.

A Vote to pospone the hearing on the petition of James Sanders 'till Wednesday next, was brought up, read and concurred.

*2:218 *A Vote, granting the petition of Jonathan Clark in behalf of Northwood and that the Treasurer be directed to Credit the Town of Northwood the sum of sixty pounds on any tax prior to the year 1786, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote granting the prayer of the Petition of George Clark and giving him leave to bring in a bill or a resolve accordingly, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote, granting the prayer of the petition of William Barns, and give him leave to bring in a bill accordingly, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote to pospone the hearings which were to have been this day, 'till to-morrow, was brought up, read and concurred.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 28th, 1786.

Met according to adjournment.
Present as yesterday.

An Act to vest the United States in Congress assembled with full power to regulate Trade and enter into treaties of commerce, which was sent down for concurrence, was brought up concurred.

Adjourned 'till to-morrow 9. O'Clock A. M.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 29th 1786.

Met according to adjournment.
Present as Yesterday.

*2:219 *A vote to pospone the hearings which were to have

been on the 28th Instant, till to-morrow, was brought read and concurred.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate, to consider of the petition of Daniel Loring and report thereon was brought up, read and concurred, Mr Bellows joined.

A Vote so far granting the prayer of Ezra Child Agent for bath as that the Selectmen have liberty to tax the Lands in said Town three farthings pr Acre for three years, and that the petitioner have leave to bring in a bill accordingly allowing the Non-residents the Liberty of working out each one his or her proportion of the tax, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote granting the prayer of the petition of several Inhabitants of Piermont and giving them leave to bring in a bill accordingly, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote for a committee to join a comittee of the Senate to consider of the account of Col. Benjamin Stone and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred Mr McDuffee joined.

A Vote granting the prayer of the petition of Elipalet Hale and giving him leave to bring in a bill accordingly was brought up, read and concurred.

* A Vote that the Senate will go into a conference with the Honorable house if they see fit, to take under consideration the State of our public affairs was sent down for conference. * 2 : 220

A Vote to comply with the requisition of Congress of the second of August last, and that a bill be brought in accordingly was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote granting the prayer of the petition of Samuel Hobart and Epraim Robinson and giving them leave to bring in a bill accordingly was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote granting the prayer of the petition of Stephen Barker and giving him leave to bring in a bill accordingly, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote to pospone the hearings which were to have been this day, 'till to-morrow &c. was brought up, read and concurred.

Adjourned 'till to-morrow 9. O'Clock A. M.

SATURDAY, December 30th, 1786.

Met according to adjournment.

Present as yesterday.

A Vote that the Treasurer of this State to Issue Two Notes in the name of John Whitehorn, one for 25£ the other for 28£ in Lieu of

two Notes dated July 31st 1785, on which one years Interest has been paid and that he is intitled to receive 15£ pr Cent of the principal of the new Notes, was brought up, read and concurrd.

*2:221 *A Resolve that George Clark pay the whole of his Ministerial Tax to the west parish in Londonderry from of passing this Resolve, any Law, usage or Custom to the contrary, the time was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider of the petition of Major McQueston and report thereon was brought up, read and concurred, Mr Payne joined.

An Act to enable the Executors of the Last Will of Abiathar Wenn, Decead to sell a certain tract of Land in Nottingham-West which belonged to the testator, having been read a third time, *voted* that the same be enacted.

An Act to impower the Inhabitants of New Hampton to chuse a Constable or the Selectmen for the time being to appoint a Collector and give him a warrant for the Collection of outstanding taxes, having been read a third time, *voted* that the same be enacted.

An Act for altering the time of holding the anual Meeting in the Town of Stoddard in said State having been read a third time, *voted* that the same be enacted.

An Act to exempt Sundry persons herein after mentioned

*2:222 *From serving in the Train Band, having been read a third time, *voted* that it pass to be enacted, which was sent down for concurrence, brough[t] up concurred.

An Act for supplying the Treasury of this State, with the sum of Seventy six thousand, two hundred and Sixty eight Dollars in Specie and fifty six Thousand four hundred and fifty two Dollars in Indents on the public Securities of the Liquidated debt of the United States for the purpose of discharging the Requisition of Congress of the second day of August 1786, having been read a third time, *voted* that the same be enacted.

A Vote to postpone the hearings which were to have been this day 'till monday next, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote so far granting the prayer of the petition Jonas Fairbanks and others as that the petitioner have leave to bring in a bill at this or the next session, to incorporate part of the towns of Walpole and Charlestown into a Town, was brought up, read and concurred.

Adjourned 'till Monday next 3 O'Clock P. M.

MONDAY, JANUARY 1st, 1787.

Met according to adjournment.
Present as Yesterday.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider * Of a bill presented for the encouragement of erecting slitting Mills &c, and report such alterations &c. was brought up, read and concurred: Mr Wentworth and Mr Gilman joined. * 2 : 223

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider of the petition of Benjamin Dearborn, and report thereon was brought up, read and concurred Mr Baker joined.

A Vote that there be a company of Independant light Horse, raised and Officered in the Town of Portsmouth and the vicinity; to consist of sixty four privates and eight non-commissioned Officers; and to be commanded by a Captain Lieutenant and cornet to have the same Rank as the Captain, Lieutenant and Ensign have in the Alarm List: and that his Excellency the President with advice of Council appoint a commission thereon accordingly, was sent down for concurrence, brought up, concurred.

An Act to enable Mary Hart to sell the Interest of her children of her late husband James Hart, in the estate of their Grandfather Thomas Hart Deceased having been read a third time *Voted*, that the same be enacted.

A Vote to postpone the hearings which were to have been this day, 'till to-morrow, was brought up, read and concurred.

Adjourned 'till to-morrow 9 O'Clock A. M.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2d, 1787.

* Met according to adjournment. * 2 : 224
Present as Yesterday.

A Vote granting the prayer of the petition of Samuel Adams and giving him leave to bring in a bill to make void the Judgment given at the Superior Court in consequence of a Report of Referrees and to empower the said Superior Court to hear and determine in the same manner as though said Action had not been referred, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote that the Treasurer be directed to receive of Samuel Jones the sum of £537 Continental Dollars as if the same had been paid previous to the 23d of July 1781, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote that the Treasurer be directed to Issue to Ebenezer Farnum a new Note for 26£ 17/ and certificates equal in value to a Note lost, he the said Farnum giving Security that if the lost Note shall be found that he will be accountable for the Note and Certificates to be issued in consequence of this Vote, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote that the Treasurer be directed to pay William McQueston for the use of Robert Thompson Esquire £15, which was paid into the Treasury of the State by Samuel Chase Esquire as rent for the farm of said Thompson; Also that said Chase who was agent and receiver to the State be ordered to pay to said M'Queston as aforesaid the sum of 22£. . 10/ as the remainder of the rent of said farm, excepting the charge and expence, that the said Chase was
* 2:225 at * Leaving out said Farm to be deducted out of said £22.. 10/ and in case they cannot agree on the Demand of said Chase the same to be adjusted and allowed by the Judge of Probate in the County of Hillsborough, was brought up, read and concurred, warrant granted.

A Vote that Daniel Loring be restored to his Law, as it appears that sundry Articles of Charge were not considered of By the Referrees, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote granting the petition of Benjamin Harly of Raby so far as respects the Town of Hollis and giving him leave to bring in a bill accordingly, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote to postpone the hearings which were to have been this day, 'till to-morrow was brought up, read and concurred.

Adjourned 'till to-morrow 9, O'Clock A. M.

WEDNESDAY, Jany 3d, 1787.

Met according to adjournment.
Present as yesterday.

A Vote that Robert Gerrish, John Melcher and George J. Osborne, each have an order on the Treasurer for £10 each to be by them accounted for in their accounts for printing and that the Treasurer be desired to call on the Impost Officer or Naval Offi-
* 2:226 cer * For Specie to discharge said Orders as soon as may be and that the President give Order accordingly, was brought up, read and concurred, warrant granted.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider of a certificate in favour of David E. Boynton, and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred, Mr Atkinson joined.

A Vote that each and every Justice of the peace in the County where he resides, be and hereby is impowered to administer an Oath or affirmation to any person or persons who is the owner or possessor of any Certificates of Liquidated Debts, (other than Loan Office Certificates) that the said Certificates are bona fide the property of the State or of a Citizen or Citizens of the State, or of some corporate body or Charitable Institution within the same and to give said person or persons a Certificate describing the certificate or certificate alluded to in such Oath or affirmation in such manner as shall be necessary to identify the same, that the Continental Loan Officer be at no loss in issuing Indents for the Interest of said Certificates, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote to hear the petition of Jonas Cutting on the third Wednesday of the next session was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote granting the prayer of the petition of James Sanders and giving him leave to bring in a bill accordingly, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote to pospone the hearing on the petition of William Gregg till the third * Wednesday of the next Session, * 2 : 227 was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote to pospone the hearing on the petitions of the Selectmen of Packersfield, Henry Gerrish Esquire, Colonel Webb, A. Curtis, Jonathan Parker, William Read, and Captain Stiles, untill the third Wednesday of the next Session, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote to pospone the hearing on the petition of the Selectmen of Portsmouth till to-morrow was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote granting the prayer of the petition of Thomas Lewis and giving him leave to bring in a bill accordingly, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote granting the prayer of the petition of James Banks and giving him leave to bring in a bill accordingly, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote appointing a committee to view a tract of Land being in the northeast corner of Keen, &c &c and report to the General Court next Session, was brought up, read and concurred.

Adjourned till to-morrow 9. O'Clock A. M.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4th, 1787.

Met according to adjournment.

Present as yesterday.

* An Act to erect a Poll Parish in Pelham, having been * 2 : 228 read a third time, *voted* that the same be enacted.

A Vote granting the prayer of the petition of the Selectmen of Portsmouth and giving them leave to bring in a bill accordingly, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote that Mr McMurphy, Mr Thompson, Mr Emerson, Mr Hale and Mr Peters with such of the Honorable Senate as may be joined be a committee to take under consideration the unimproved Lands within this State, and report what method shall be taken to assertain what part of said Land are the property of this State, was brought up, read and concurred: Mr McDuffee and Mr Payne joined.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider of the petition of of John Parker Esqr and others, was brought up, read and concurred: Mr Shepard joined.

A Vote granting the prayer of the petition of the Selectmen of Exeter and giving them leave to bring in a bill or bills accordingly, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote granting the prayer of the petition of Samuel Thompson, and giving him leave to bring in a bill accordingly, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote that a bill be presented appointing some person to call a Meeting of the Inhabitants of Gunthwait to chus assessors to proportion the outstanding Taxes on the Lots of the propri-
* 2 : 229 etors and Inhabitants * Of Gunthwait to Levy, collect and pay the same into the Treasury and that preceipts in future be directed to Gunthwait, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider of the proceedings of the late General Court and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred, Mr Bellows Mr Payne and Mr Shepard joined.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider of the petition of Samuel Bean and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred, Mr Wentworth joined.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider of the petition of George Frost Esquire in behalf of the Town of New-Castle and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred: Mr Wentworth joined.

A Vote to hear the petition of Thomas Pinkham on the third Wednesday of the next Session, was brought up, read and Non-concurred.

An Act to restore Stephen Barker to his Law, having been read a third time, *voted* that the same be enacted.

Adjourned 'till to-morrow 9. O'Clock A. M.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5th 1787.

Met according to adjournment.

* Present as yesterday. * 2 : 230

A Vote that the petition of B. Dearborn be granted for fourteen years instead of twenty one Years and that he have leave to bring in a bill accordingly, was brought up, read and concurred, with this amendment that he have a patent for the water engine and the scales but not for the Steelyard.

A Vote to hear the petition of John Cushing on Tuesday next and also that Colonel Samuel Sherburne be served with a copy of said petition, was brought up, read and concurred.

An Act to abolish part of the Inferior Courts and Courts of Sessions within this State and thereby to prevent unnecessary expence to the good subjects of the same, having been read a third time, *voted* that it pass to be enacted. Sent down for concurrence.

An Act to empower Samuel Hobart and Ephraim Robinson Esquires to collect the outstanding State and Town Taxes of the Town of Exeter for the year 1786, having been read a third time, *voted* that the same be enacted.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider of the petition of Jedidiah Sanger and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred: Mr Wentworth joined.

A Resolve that the Treasurer of this State receive the drafts or orders drawn by the continental Board of Treasury in favour of the subjects of this State in part * Or in whole of * 2 : 231 the £10,500 as aforesaid; always observing the draughts or orders already drawn by said Board of Treasury and presented to the Loan Officer of this State for payment previous to this resolve and that the draughts or Orders drawn by the Continental Board of Treasury when so received by the Treasury of this State be by him passed to the Loan Officer of this in part or in whole of the £10,500 as aforesaid, taking the Loan Officers Receipt for the account thereon, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider of the propriety of establishing a Post Rider from Portsmouth to any part of this State and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred: Mr Webster joined.

A Vote that the Treasurer be directed to receive of Nahum Baldwin Esqr sixty pounds in Certificates which he has Sent by Major Means and that the credit said Baldwin forty pounds on the Bond he has in his Office against said Baldwin, being Certificates he received at the same rate of Debtors to an absentees Estate, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote to abate the Town of New-Castle one half of their Tax for the year 1782, and that the Treasurer govern himself accordingly, was brought up, read and concurred.

* 2 : 232 An Act to conform the Title of * James Banks to certain Lands in Packersfield, having been read a third time, *Voted*, that the same be enacted.

An Act to restore Samuel Adams to his Law, having been read a third time *voted* that the same be enacted.

An Act to enable Sarah Chapin to sell the real Estate of Hiram Chapin late of Surry in said State, Deceased, having been read a third time, *voted*, that the same be enacted.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

IN SENATE January 5th 1787.

The proceedings of the late Court Martial appointed by the President in consequence of both Branches of the Legislature being read and fully considered. *Voted*, that the said proceedings appear to be regular, fair, and canded, and that an address be presented to the president and Council to carry the same into Execution according to the respective sentinces and recommendation, excepting only that part of the sentence which tends to qualify any of said Officers from holding civil and Military Commissions in future ; and also excepting the whole of the sentince against Lieut. Thomas McClary who appears to have been providentially prevented from attending the Court martial. Sent down for concurrence, brought up, con-
* 2 : 233 curred, with this amendment Excepting * The whole sentence against Nathaniel Weare which was read and concurred.

Adjourned 'till to-morrow 9. O'Clock A. M.

SATURDAY JANUARY 6th 1787.

Met according to adjournment.
Present as yesterday.

An Act in addition to an Act entitled an act for opening and making passable a highway from Dartmouth College to Boscawen, having been read a third time, *Voted* that the same be enacted.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

IN SENATE January 6th 1787.

Voted, that the President be requested to return the thanks of the Senate to the Honorable Paul Wentworth Esquire for the Map of

this State, which he has had the generosity to present them with, and to assure him that the Senate are deeply impressed by this mark of politeness and respect.

A Vote that the Execution recovered by Michael Wentworth and Martha his Wife against Lemuel Smith be stayed for the term of one year, was brought up, read and concurred with this

*Amendment that the Execution be stayed untill the last * 2 : 234
day of April next and no longer, amendment concurred.

Adjourned till Monday next 3 O'Clock, P. M.

MONDAY JANUARY 8th 1787.

Met according to adjournment.
Present as Yesterday.

A Vote, that the Vote on the petition of the Selectmen of Portsmouth of Thursday last be reconsidered and that a rehearing be granted and that the petitioner be heard before the General Court on Wednesday morning next, was brought up, read and Non-concurred.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider of the petition of Colonel Supply Clap and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred, Mr Wentworth joined.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider of the propriety of abollishing any part of the terms of the Inferior Court and Courts of the General Sessions of the peace and report a bill if they think proper, was brought up, read and concurred : Mr Thornton Mr Bell aud Mr Payne joined.

A Vote that the account of James Rundlet be refered to the committee on the account of Col. Supply Clap, and that they report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred.

*A Vote that Samuel Bean be allowed ten pounds in full * 2 : 235
for his services as post Rider and that the Postmaster General be directed to pay him in a State Note lodged in his hands for the purpose of paying Post Riders, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider what sum is necessary to be raised for the expenditures of the current year ; Also what Salaries shall be allowed the Officers of the civil list and report thereon was brought up, read and concurred, Mr Wentworth Mr Bell and Mr Atkinson joined.

A Vote granting the prayer of the petition of the Selectmen of Walpole and giving them leave to bring in a bill accordingly, was brought up, read and concurred.

An Act to restore James Saunders to his Law, having been read a third time, *voted*, that the same be enacted.

An Act to restore Samuel Thompson to his Law, having been read a third time, *voted* that the same be enacted.

Adjourned 'till to-morrow 9. O'Clock A. M.

*2:236 *TUESDAY, JANUARY 9th, 1787.

Met according to adjournment.

Present as yesterday except the Honorable John McClary and John Bellows Esquires.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider of a Letter from Virginia respecting commissioners on Commercial matters, was brought up, read and concurred, Mr Wentworth joined.

An Act to direct the mode for the assessing and collecting of the Taxes against Gunthwait, having been read a third time, *voted* that the same be enacted.

A Vote that the Treasurer be directed to Issue a new Note or Notes to his Excellency John Sullivan Esquire for the sum of 4300 Dollars and that he be entitled to receive Certificates for the Interest from from January 1st, 1780 he giving caution agreeably to his Letter dated this day that if said Interest is not allowed by Congress he will replace the Certificates in the Treasury of this State, on demand, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote to accept a report of a committee on the petition of John Parker and others, Managers of Dartmouth College Lottery and that a bill be brought in accordingly was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Sen-
*2:237 ate to consider of the petition of *The Selectmen of Swanzey and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred: Mr McDuffee joined.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider of the petition of Andrew McMillan in behalf of the Town of Conway and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred, Mr McDuffee joined.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider of the petition of Messrs James and William Sheafe and report an address to Congress on the Subject matter of said petition, was brought up, read and concurred: Mr Wentworth joined.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider of the petition of the Inhabitants of Middletown and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred Mr McDuffee joined.

A Vote on the petition of the Selectmen of Bedford granting the prayer thereof and giving them leave to bring in a bill accordingly, was brought up, read and concurred, with this amendment, that the

Selectmen of Bedford appoint some proper person to collect said Taxes, sent down brought up, concurred.

Adjourned till to-morrow 9 O'Clock A. M.

* WEDNESDAY JANUARY 10th, 1787. * 2 : 238

Met according to adjournment.

Present as yesterday.

A Vote granting the prayer of the petition of Doctor Jonathan Gove so far as that the Sentence against said Gove be reversed, and that he have leave to bring in a bill accordingly, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote granting the prayer of the petition of Elizabeth Wallingford and giving her leave to bring in a bill or a resolve, accordingly, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider of a resolve respecting Probate Courts and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred, Mr Thornton, Mr Payne and Mr Wentworth joined.

An Act for the support of Invalids having been read a third time, *voted* that the same be enacted.

A Vote to pay Col. Supply Clap thirty three pounds eight shillings and one penny as a balance of his account which is to be in full; also twenty pounds in full for his services as a commissionary General to the 12 of June 1787, was brought up, read and concurred, warrant granted.

An Act to invest the exclusive priviledge of keeping a ferry over a certain part of Connecticut River in Eliphalet
* Hale of Chesterfield his heirs and assigns, having been * 2 : 238
read a third time *voted* that the same be enacted.

A Vote that James Rundlet be allowed nine pounds sixteen Shillings and two pence in full of his accounts was brought up, read and concurred, warrant granted.

An Act to vest the privilidge of keeping a ferry over a certain part of Connecticut River in the Inhabitants of Charlestown, having been read a third time, *voted* that the same be enacted.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider of the petition of the Selectmen of Plainfield; also the petition of Samuel Fairbrook and all Similar matters and report thereon was brought up, read and concurred: Mr McDuffee joined.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider of the petition of Col. Jonathan Rawson and report thereon was brought up, read and concurred Mr Thornton joined.

Adjourned 'till to-morrow 9. O'Clock A. M.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11th, 1787.

* 2 : 240 * Met according to adjournment.
Present as yesterday.

A Vote accepting the report of the committee on ascertaining the wase or unimproved Land belonging to the State, and that a bill or bills be brought in accordingly, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote to pay his Excellency John Sullivan Esqr, Nine pounds twelve Shillings for cash advanced for standards, was brought up, read and concurred with this amendment, that the Treasurer be directed to give his Excellency the President an order on the Naval Officer for the aforesaid sum, sent down, brought up, concurred, warrant granted.

An Act to incorporate a town by the name of Langdon, having been read a third time, *voted* that the same be enacted.

A Vote to accept the report of the committee on the table of Fees (excepting what relates to Sheriffs fees) which is not to be included in the bill, was brought up, read and concurred.

An Act to vest in Benjamin Dearborn the excluse right of making and vending certain Engines and Scales for fourteen years, having been read a third time *voted* that it pass to be enacted with this amendment that the said Dearborn, within one Month from the passing of this act lodge in the Secretarys Office a model of each of the machines aforesaid or a draft of each of them, with a full Description of them and the principles upon which they are constructed, was sent down for concurrence by Mr Payne See No 36.

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IN SENATE, January 11th, 1787.

Voted that the Senate are willing to go into a Conference with the honorable house of Representatives this afternoon if they see fit, to take under consideration the mode of discharging the public debt, was sent down for concurrence by Mr Webster.

Adjourned 'till to-morrow 9, O'Clock A. M.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12th 1787.

Met according to adjournment.
Present as yesterday.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the senate to consider of the petition of John Penhallow Esquire and others, was brought up, read and concurred, Mr Thornton joined.

An act to appoint new Managers for Dartmouth College Lottery, having been read a third time, *Voted*, that the same be enacted.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider of the petition of Charles Clapham and report thereon, was brought up, and concurred Mr Webster and Mr M'Duffee joined.

An act to empower the several Towns Districts and Individuals within this State to pay their Quotas of the State and Federal Debt and * To entitle such as pay the Same to a discharge therefrom, having been read a third time, *Voted* that the same be Non-concurred. * 2 : 242

An Act for regulating the Guaging of Cask, having been read a third time *voted* that the same be enacted.

In Senate, January 12th, 1787.

A Vcte that Clap Sumner of Lebanon be and is hereby appointed out of the committee to carry into effect an act for opening and making passable a Road or highway from Dartmouth College to Boscawen in the place of Elisha Payne, resigned, was sent down for concurrence, brought up, concurred.

A Vote for a committee to join committee of the Senate to consider what method shall be taken to supply the Officers and Soldiers at New-Castle, was brought up, read and concurred : Mr Wentworth joined.

A Vote to accept the report of the committee on the petition of Messrs James and William Sheafe, that an attested copy of the petition and order of Court thereon be delivered to the Delegates of this State, and that they be desired and instructed to represent to Congress, the manner of seizure and condemnation of the said Brigantine and Cargo and move Congress to instruct their Minister at the Court of London to demand restoration or compensation for the said Brigantine and Cargo seized and * Condemned contrary to the Laws of Nations and of Trade, was brought up, read and concurred. * 2 : 243

An Act to disannex a certain tract of Land lying in the Town of Hollis and annex the same to the Town of Raby having been read a third time *voted*, that the same be enacted.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senatè to consider what allowance shall be made to the General Court, time of adjournment &c. was brought up, read and concurred Mr Wentworth Mr Thornton and Mr Payne joined.

An Act for the Extending the powers and authority of the maritine Court in this State, having been read a third time *voted* that the same be enacted.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider of the bills for the apportionment and payment of the foreign domestic Debt, and report such a bill as they may think proper, was brought up, read and concurred: Mr Wentworth, Mr Gilman and Mr Payne joined.

A Vote that the Town of Conway be abated fifty pounds out of the Taxes in full for losses sustained by freshets was brought up, read and concurred.

An Act to empower the Selectmen of Bedford to appoint some proper person to Collect Taxes in the Town of Bedford for the year 1783 having been read a third *voted* that the same be enacted.

* 2 : 244 *A Vote that the statement of the accounts between this and the United States and Stephen Gorham Esquire Continental Commissioners Receipt for the vouchers handed into Court by Joseph Gilman Esquire be referred to the committee appointed to draught a Letter to Congress, was sent down for concurrence.

An Act to empower the Selectmen of Exeter to collect the outstanding Taxes for the Town of Exeter for the year 1783, 1784, 1785, having been read a third time, *voted* that the same be enacted.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider of an Extract of a pay roll presented by Col. Evans and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred: Mr Webster joined.

An Act to vest in Benjamin Dearborn the Exclusive right of making and vending certain Engines and Scales for fourteen years, having been read a third time, *voted* that the same be enacted.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate On the petition of Lydia Wallingford Alias Cogswell and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred: Mr Thornton and Mr Wentworth joined.

Adjourned 'till to-morrow 9. O'Clock A. M.

SATURDAY, January 13th, 1787.

Met according to adjournment.
Present as Yesterday.

* 2 : 245 *A Vote to accept the report of the Committee respecting an Addition to the Light horse, that the said additions ought to be confined and established, That the Regiment on Merrimac River including the County of Hillsborough and the Towns of Merrideth, Gilmantown, Barnstead, Chichester, Epsom and Allenstown, and the Towns lying between those and Merrimac River.

That the Companies in the Regiment on Connecticut River includ the County of Cheshire and three Towns deep from Connecticut River in the County of Grafton that the eastern regiment include the County of Rockingham and Strafford excepting the Towns taken off as aforesaid. That the Officers of Light Horse, shall not inlist more than eight men from any one Company of the Militia and none but such as keep one or more horses and are of sufficient ability to equip themselves and that they make a return of the names of the persons by them already inlisted to the respective Captains out of whose company they have been inlisted within three months after such inlistment and that the President be requested to call upon the Officers to equip themselves and see that their men are equipped as soon as possable, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to nominate six persons out of whom three to be appointed a committee to ascertain, settle & fix the western * Line of * 2 : 246
the Masonian Patent, the names of which committee are to be put into a bill now under consideration, was brought up, read and concurred. Mr Webster and Mr Baker joined.

A Vote that the pay roll of Col. Amos Cogswell be allowed and payed out of the Treasury, amounting to £33 was brought up, read and concurred, warrant granted, Roll sent to the Treasurer.

An Act to impower the Assessors of the first parish in the Town of Exeter to appoint a Collector of out standing Taxes, having been read a third time *voted* that the same be enacted.

An Act to enable Daniel Loring and Ashel Goodenow to refer all Demands between them to Referees, having been read a third time, *Voted* that the same be enacted.

An Act to enable Elizabeth Wallingford to renew her action, against Samuel Sherburne Esquire and others at and before the Superior Court, having been read a third time, *voted* that the same be enacted.

A Vote that the account of the Members of the Court Martial amounting to £41.. 3.. 0. The account of Col. Jonathan Rawson amounting to £4.. 11*s*.. 6*d*. the account of Major Jonathan Cass amt. £4.. 8.. 2 the account of Col. Joseph Welch Amounting to £1.. 4.. 0. The account of Robert Smith amounting to £2.. 13.. 8. Also the account of James Clement amounting to £1. 5.. 6. * Be allow and paid, was brought up, read and con- * 2 : 247
curred, warrant granted.

A Vote that the Treasurer be directed to the Town of Plainfield eight pounds twelve shillings in any Tax payable in Certificates for the Tax on the right of Benning Wentworth for the years 1777, 1778, 1779, and 1780, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider of the petition of Josiah Butler and report thereon was brought up, read and concurred, Mr Webster joined.

A Vote, that the Treasurer be directed to receive of Charles Clapham the amount £160. in State Securities in part payment of his Bond, was brought up, read and concurred.

An Act to impower John Bellows Anras Allen and Thomas Bellows to sell certain Lands, coveyed by Nathaniel Brooks to Thomas Brooks his Son and to apply the monies thence arising to the support and maintenance of the said Nathan Brooks, having been read a third time, *voted* that the same be enacted.

An Act to establish a certain highway laid out in Portsmouth by the Selectmen thereof, having been read a third time, *voted* that the same be Enacted.

*2 : 248 A Vote that the Treasurer be directed *To receive of the Town of Plainfield £30.. 9/ in this State paper bills excepting any of said Bills may be counterfeit red[u]cing the same by the Scale at the last of December 1777 and credit said Town for the same, when reduced in any Tax payable in certificates, was brought up, read and concurred.

Adjourned 'till Monday next 3 O'Clock, P. M.

MONDAY, JANUARY 15th, 1787.

Met according to adjournment.
Present as yesterday.

A Vote to pay the account of John Melcher, amounting to fifteen pounds for printing Rev'd Doctor Havens Election Sermon, was brought up, read and concurred, warrant granted.

A Vote, that the Members of the Honorable Council have and receive 9/ pr Day each for attendance, and travel as Members of Senate and House, when called together, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote that the Members of Senate and house have 6/ pr Day each and four pence per Mile travel &c. was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote for a Committee to Join a committee of the Senate to consider of a Vote of 20th June 1783, Respecting New-Durham Gore and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred: Mr McDuffee joined.

*2 : 249 An Act to disannex certain persons *Herein afternamed from the Township of Peirmont and annex these with their Estates to Wentworth, having been read a third time *Voted* that the same be enacted.

A Vote to pay the account of Christopher Toppan Esquire amounting to eighteen Shillings for receiving and burning State Notes, was brought up, read and concurred, warrant granted.

A Vote to pay the account of Ephraim Robinson amounting to £9.. 4.. 6. as committee on Town and State accounts, was brought up, read and concurred, warrant granted.

A Vote to pay the Account of Major Samuel Hale amounting to £6.. 2.. 0. as one of a committee on Town and State accounts, was brought up, read and concurred, warrant granted.

A Vote to pay the balance of the Account of John Calfe Esquire for settling the Treasurers Accounts &c &c amounting to £2.. 2.. 2. as per Account, was brought up, read and concurred, warrant granted.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider of the Account of Col. William Brewster and report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred. Mr McDuffee joined.

A Vote to pay the balance of the account of E. Robinson amounting to seventy four * Shillings and one penny *2:250
half penny was brought up, read and concurred.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

IN SENATE January 15th, 1787.

A Vote that in addition to the Officers already allowed for the Independant Compa[nies] of Hors at Portsmouth there shall be a second Lieutenant but considered as Junior Officer, And a Quarter Master ranking with the Cornett but as younger in command, sent down for concurrence, brought up concurred.

An Act to Entitle the Selectmen of Bath to raise the sum of three Farthings on eah Acre of Land in said Bath for three years for the purpose of making and repairing the highways and Bridges in said Town, having been read a third time, *Voted* that the same be enacted.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider of the petition of Lois Johnson, and report thereon was brought up, read and concurred. Mr Thornton joined.

Adjourned till to-morrow 9, O'Clock A. M.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16th, 1787.

Met according to adjournment.
Present as yesterday.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider of the petition of Joshua * Young and *2:251

report thereon, was brought up, read and concurred: Mr Payne joined.

A Vote to hear the petition of Sarah Purcell on the second Tuesday of the next Session, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Resolve that the Treasurer of this State be and hereby is directed still to receive into the Treasury Facilities Issued by the Continental Loan Officer for the interest of the liquidated debt of the United States towards satisfying the requisition of Congress of September 27th 1785 untill further order of Court was brought up, read and concurred.

An Act for ascertaining the waste Land belonging to this State, having been read a third time, *voted* that the same be enacted.

An Act in addition to and amendment of the Acts establishing the Table of Fees having been read a third time, *Voted* that the same be enacted.

A Vote to pay the account of Thomas Bartlett Esquire amounting to £16.. 9/ Attending Committee to examine Town accounts, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote that the money produced from the Light at New-Castle be appropriated to purchase subsistence, fuel &c. Also the Monthly pay of Elias Tarlton of forty shillings for attending said
*2:252 Light and that the naval Officer be directed *To pay into the hands of the Commissionary General Monies for the aforesaid purpose &c. provided the light money is sufficient And that the officers and Soldiers be paid their wages by an order on the Treasurer &c. was brought up, read and concurred.

Adjourned 'till to-morrow 9. O'Clock A. M.

WEDNESDAY, January 17th, 1787.

Met according to adjournment.
Present as yesterday.

A Vote to pay the Roll of Captain Andrew Wiggin amounting to twenty six pounds eighteen shillings, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote to pay Abigail Hale Widow of the Col. Hale have the depreciation of his wages &c. and also seven years half pay, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote that the Secretary have £20 for his Salary from June 1786 to June 1787 was brought up, read non-concurred.

A Vote granting the prayer of the petition of Jonathan Rawson and giving him leave to bring in a bill or resolve accordingly, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote to hear the petition of a committee of Peterborough Slip on the second Tuesday of next Session, was brought up, read and concurred.

* A Vote, that his Excellency the President with advice of Council be requested to Issue a proclamation appointing Thursday 12 April next as a day of public fasting, was brought up, read and concurred. * 2 : 253

A Vote to allow New-Durham-Gore Twelve pounds for their beef Tax and twenty five shillings for their Rum Tax, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote for a committee to join a committee of the Senate to consider of the petition of Sarah Little, was brought up, read and concurred, Mr Wentworth joined.

An Act to reverse a judgment of the Superior Court of Judicature against Jonathan Gove, having been read a third time, *voted* that the same be enacted.

A Vote that that two Persons be appointed to represent this State in Convention at Philadelvhia in May next, was brought up, read and non-concurred.

A Vote to pay E. Robinson Junr 42/ for copying acts for the Press was brought up, read and non concurred.

A Vote for a committee to Join a committee of the Senate to consider of the account of Soloman Wheeler, was brought up, read and concurred : Mr Baker joined.

A Vote to pay the the account of John Waldron Esquire amounting to five * Pounds nineteen Shillings and eight pince, was brought up, read and concurred, warrant granted. * 2 : 254

A Resolve that the Inferior Court of common please be and they hereby are impowered to vocate and annul the Judgment rendered a June term 1785 in the Action of Seth Fogg and wife against Thomas Drake, And that they cast Interest upon the Note declared on under Judgment a February Term, and issue Execution accordingly, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote that the Treasurer be directed not to Issue any Extent from Taxes due from Cornish, Plainfield, Orford, Piermont, Littleton, and Dalton, prior to the year 1784 untill the next Session of the General Court, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote that the Town of Lyme have credit in any Tax prior to the year 1784 payable in Certificates the sum of £168,, 13,, 7, was brought up, read and concurred, with this amendment, that the above said sum is in full of all Demands that the said Town of Lyme hath against the State, sent down, brought up concurred.

A Vote for a committee to Join a committee of the Senate to Assertain the amount of the debt of this State, also this States proportion of the debt of the United States both foreign and Domestic and report thereon, as soon as may be was brought up, read and concurred. Mr Wentworth Mr Gilman and Mr Shepard joined.

* 2 : 255 * A Vote that the Town of Lebanon have credit in any tax prior to the year 1784, the sum of £203,, 8,, 10 was brought up, read and concurred, with this amendment that the aforesaid sum be in full of all demands that the Town of Lebanon hath against the State.

A Vote that the Town of Hanover have credit in any Tax prior to the year 1784 the sum of £252,, 6,, 11 was brought up, read and concurred with this amendment that the aforesaid sum be in full of all demands that the said town of Hanover hath against the State.

A Vote that Lydia Wallingford Alias Cogswell be allowed half pay as the Widows of Officers who died in the land service, provided it can be ascertained that Congress will admit the same as a charge against the United States, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote that the Attorney General have £50 annually as a Salary to commence in April next, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote that Nathan Fay have an order on the Treasurer for twenty three Shillings and ten pence for the Tax and charge on S. Baxters Land in Alstead for 1780 being an absense, was brought up, read and concurred warrant granted.

* 2 : 256 * A Vote that the Chief Justice of the * Superior Court be allowed as a Salary annually one hundred and fifty pounds he accounting for the fees, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote that a Puisne Justice of the Superior Court be allowed £130 pounds each as a Salary annually they accounting Severally for their fees, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote that John T. Gilman have and receive £230 in full for his Salary &c &c from June 12th 1786 to June 12th 1787 was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote that his Excellency the President have and receive £200 as a Salary from June 1786 to June 1787 was brought up, read and concurred, warrant granted for £30.

A Vote to accept the report of a committee for draughting to Congress respecting the Continental Commissioners on accounts, and that the President be requested to forward a Copy of the same to Congress as soon as may be, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Resolve appointing any two of the deligates to congress as Deputies to assemble in Contion a Philadelpia in May next, was brought up, read and concurred with this amendment, that the said Deligate

shall proceed to join the Convention aforesaid in cas Congress shall signify to them that they approve of the said convention as advantageous to the Union and not an infringement of the powers granted to Congress by the Confederation, sent down by Mr Wentworth, brt. up con^d.

*A Vote that the Treasurer be directed so far as it *2: 257
respects the beef Tax, to stay Execution against the Town
of Swanzey untill the first Wednesday of June next, was brought up, read concurred.

A Vote, appointing Samuel Bean, a Post Rider for the term of one year, was brought up, read and non-concurred.

A Vote for a committee to consider of a Motion made that State Notes be received in payment of all Taxes prior to 1786 was brought up, read and non-concurred.

Adjourned 'till to morrow 9. O'Clock A. M.

THURSDAY JANUARY 18th 1786.[7]

Met according to adjournment.
Present as yesterday.

A Vote to pay the Roll of Captain Titus Salter amounting to £50, was brought up, read and concurred, warrant granted.

A Vote to pay the account of John Williams amounting to £9.. 15.. 8 as door keeper, was brought up, read and concurred. warrant granted.

A Vote that the Treasurer be directed to send out each Towns proportion of the foreign Domestic and State debt and that the Selectmen of the several Towns proportion the same to the Inhabitants, was brought up, read and concurred, with this
*Amendment, that a Copy of the proportion List to and *2: 258
among the Inhabitants of the respective Towns and dis-
trict be lodged with the State Treasurer and that upon any Towns district or individual paying his or her proportion of either or all the debts aforesaid he shall give him, her or them a Receipt therefor, which shall discharge such person, Town or district from being afterwards taxed for or toward the principal or Interest of the debt so paid, sent down for concurrence, brought up concurred.

A Vote that the Treasurer be directed to receive Orders drawn on the Board of Treasurer on the Loan Officer agreeably to the Resolve of 5th January current and keep the same in the Treasury till the prior Orders are paid, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote granting the prayer of the petition from Madbury and that

they have liberty to send a Representative to the General Court in future, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote to pay the Account of Daniel Humphreys Esquire amounting to £4.. 12.. 0 for drafting bills &c. was brought up, read and concurred. warra^t granted.

A Vote to pay the Reverend Doctor Haven Reverend Mr Buckminster and the Reverend Mr Mansfield three pounds each as Chaplin, was brought up, read and concurred. warrant granted.

* 2 : 259 A Vote that the petition of Rundlet and *Barker was brought up, read and concurred except that part which respects the excise. warrant granted for £10. in favour of E. Barker.

A Vote on the petition of John Stevens that he have a hearing before the Justice in some future day and that in the mean time the Execution against the petitioner be stayed until he be heard before said Justice and that a Resolve be brought in accordingly, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote to pay the Account of Otis Baker Esquire amounting to six Shillings, was brought up, read and concurred. warrant granted.

A Vote that the Puisne Justices of the Superior Court. [Marginal note, "Entered before."]

A Vote, that the Treasurer be directed not to issue any extent against the Excise Masters in the County of Rockingham untill the next Session, was brought up, read Non-concurred.

A Vote, that Lois Johnson is entitled to any sum that may appear due to her late husband &c. was brought up, read and concurred with this amendment, that the committee on Claims ascertain and certify the sum due and that the President give Order accordingly.

* 2 : 260 *Resolve restoring John Evans to his Law &c. was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote that the committee on petitions be directed to keep the Accounts they have received from Towns &c. and continue to receive Accounts from Towns &c. untill further order was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote, that the President give order that the Selectmen of Middletown draw the wages of Abraham Mathews as made up, in Capt Smiths Roll, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote that the Treasurer be directed to receive the Money from Josiah Butler reducing the same by the Scale of Depreciation to the last of the year 1780 was brought up, read and concurred.

An Act for raising Seven Thousand two hundred pounds in facilities and three thousand pounds in Specie, for the use of the State the current year, having been read a third time, *voted* that the same be enacted.

A Vote that the Reverend Doctor Langdon be desired to deliver an Election Sermon at Concord in June next, but if it should so happen that he cannot attend, the Revered Mr Buckminster is desired to prepare for the above purpose and that the President give information to the said Revered Gentlemen, was brought up, read and concurred.

A Vote that the time for the Selling the Excise the present year shall be on or before the first day of March next &c &c was brought up, read and concurred.

*A Vote, to pay Joseph S. Gilman twenty nine pounds eight Shillings in full for his Services in the State Committees Office, was brought up, read and concurred. warrant granted. *2: 261

A Vote, that his Excellency the President with advice of Council be desired to adjourn the General Court to-morrow twelve O'Clock (if the business be then compleated) untill the twenty ninth day of May next and that the General Court which is to meet in June next meet at Concord was brought up, read and concurred.

Agreeably to the above vote, his Excellency the President by advice of Council, adjourned the General Court to the 29th of May next.

Attest Joseph Pearson, Secy.

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OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONTAINING THE PROCEEDINGS FROM

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OF THE

HONB.L HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

OF THE

STATE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE,

At their Session, began and holden at Portsmouth, Wednesday, the thirteenth Day of December, Anno Domini, 1786, *and in the Eleventh Year of the Independence of the United States of America.*

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER, 13, 1786.

Several members met [at the Court-house in Portsmouth, according to adjournment ;] but there not being a quorum to transact business, agreed to adjourn to nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER, 14, 1786.

Several members met according to adjournment, but there not being a quorum, agreed to adjourn to 3 o'clock P. M. — Met accordingly but there not being a quorum, then adjourned 'till to-morrow at three o'clock P. M.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1786.

The members which attended yesterday, with several others met, but there not being a quorum to transact business, agreed to adjourn to nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1786.

[Present as yesterday.]

[Several members met according to adjournment but there not being a quorum] Agreed to adjourn to Monday next, at three o'clock P. M.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1876.

The members which attended on Saturday, with some others, met, [Several members met according to adjournment] but there not being a quorum, agreed to adjourn to nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1786.

A Number of the [Several] members met according to adjournment, but there not being a quorum for transacting business, agreed to adjourn to three o'clock, P. M.

Met accordingly.

And there being several members present more than in the forenoon, made a quorum, and proceeded to business.

Voted, That Col. Runnels, Mr. Betton, and Major Young, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Major Samuel Jones, and report thereon.

[Sent up by Mr Chesley.]

Voted, That the Treasurer of this state be directed to
* 13 : 209 * attend the General Court in their present session [at Portsmouth] with such books and papers as are necessary for transacting publick business. [Sent up by Mr Chesley.]

Voted, That Mr. Sparhawk, Mr. Toppan, Mr. Means, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Hubbard, Mr. Leavitt and Mr. Young, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider what business is necessary first to be entered upon and done at this session, and report thereon. [Sent up by Colo Runnels.]

The foregoing vote not being concurred, the following was sent down from the honourable Senate for concurrence.

Voted, That the honourable Joshua Wentworth, Elisha Payne, Joseph Gilman, and John Bellows, Esquires, with such of the honourable House as they may join, be a committee to consider of his Excellency's message, and report thereon, and also of any important business which may require the attention of the General Court this present session ; which vote was read and concurred, and Mr. Betton,

Mr. Toppan, Mr. Hale, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Means, Mr. Hubbard and Mr. Young joined. [Sent up by Maj^r Hale.]

Adjourned to 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1786.

The House met according to adjournment.

Voted, That the allowance for travel and attendance for the members of the honourable Senate and House of Representatives, and their officers, be the same at the last session as was allowed for the session in June last, and that the Secretary and Clerk make up the respective rolls accordingly, and that the President give order for payment for the same in the usual way. [Sent up by Mr Rawlings.]

Voted, That the account of John Morrison, amounting to fourteen pounds for writing Continental Accounts be allowed and paid out of the Treasury by order of the President. [Sent up by Mr Robinson.]

Voted, That Mr. Robinson, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Duncan, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of the selectmen of Marlborough, and report thereon. [Sent up by Mr Holmes.]

Voted, That the Rev. Doctor Haven, and the Rev. Mr. Buckminster, be requested to attend the General Court as Chaplains alternately, during the present session of said Court.

[Sent up by Mr Clement.]

* *Voted*, That the return made by the committee for establishing the lines or boundaries between the towns of Lebanon and Enfield be received and accepted. * 13 : 210

[Sent up by Mr Jenness.]

The committee appointed at the last session of the General Court to agree on a place for setting a meeting-house in Washington reported, That the meeting-house in said town be set on a spot of ground a few rods southeast of the pound, agreeable to a vote of said town, passed September 6th, 1779: Signed, Robert Wallace, Joseph Symonds, Silas Wright, committee. Which report was read and considered, received and accepted. [Sent up by Maj^r Wallace.]

Voted, That Mr. Sparhawk, Mr. Duncan, and Mr. Chase, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the most speedy and effectual means for printing the acts, resolves and journals, of the proceedings [of the General Court] of the two last sessions, and in [the] future, and report thereon.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock, P. M.

Met accordingly.

A vote appointing the committee to consider of the petition of the selectmen of Walpole, came down from the honourable Senate for

concurrence; was read and considered, and Mr. Kingsbury, Mr. Rollins and Mr. Ashley, joined. [Sent up by Col° Hale.]

Voted, That Mr. Emerson, Mr. Chesley, and Mr. Bedee, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of an inventory presented from the town of Littleton, which is a part of what was formerly called Apthorp, and report what proportion of Littleton and Dalton (which is the other part of Apthorp) ought [each] to be taxed. [Sent up by Mr Johnson.]

Read a large number of returns respecting paper money.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1786.

The House met according to adjournment.

Voted, That Col. Runnels, Col. Waldron, and Col. Badger, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Peter Roswell Stephens,[1] and report thereon. [Sent up by Mr Chase.]

*13:211 * Upon reading and considering the petition of the selectmen of Bedford, *Voted*, That the prayer thereof be granted, and that they have leave to bring in a bill accordingly. [Sent up by Mr Dole.]

Voted, That the powers granted to the President by a vote of the General Court of the 23d of September last, respecting calling forth the militia to quell any high-handed riot, &c. be discontinued. [Sent up by Capt Spaulding.]

Voted, That Mr. Betton, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Chesley, Mr. Hubbard and Mr. Johnson, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to take under consideration a resolve of the General Court, passed the 22d of September last, respecting an addition to the light-horse, and report their opinion respecting said addition, and prefix [on] a time when the light-horse shall be equipped. [Sent up by Mr Chesley.]

Voted, That the account of Major Jonathan Cass, amounting to twenty-two shillings, be allowed and paid out of the Treasury by order of the President [and that the President give order accordingly. Sent up by Mr Jackman.]

Voted, That this House resolve themselves into a committee of the whole, in conjunction with the honourable Senate, if they see fit, to meet at three o'clock, P. M. to take under consideration the requisition of Congress of the 2d of August last; also the requisition for an augmentation of troops, &c. and any other matter that may be thought necessary when met. [Sent up by Mr Duncan.]

1. xi. Ham. Town Papers, 207.

Voted, That Mr. Robinson, Mr. Waldron, Mr. Preston, [Mr Emerson] Mr. Hale and Mr. Mooney, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Enoch Richardson, and others, also the petition of Ebenezer Odell, and all similar matters, and report thereon.

[Sent up by Mr Copland.]

* *Voted*, That Mr. Robinson, Mr. Leavitt, and Mr. Peters, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Lucy Fay, and report thereon. * 13 : 212 [Sent up by Colo Hale.]

Voted, That the Treasurer of this state be directed to receive from Nahum Baldwin, Esquire, state notes (or securities) in discharge of the execution against him, agreeably to a vote of the General Court, of the 21st of June last. [Sent up by Majr Means.]

Voted, That the votes of the 22d and 27th of June last, respecting petitioners paying a dollar with each petition presented to the General Court, be reconsidered. [Sent up by Mr Greeley.]

Upon reading and considering the petition of Daniel Warner, *Voted*, That the petitioner be heard thereon before the General Court, on the third Wednesday of the [their] next session, and that in the mean time the petitioner cause that Captain Joseph Kelley, of Nottingham West ; also, the administrators to the estate of David Putnam, deceased, be served with a copy of the petition and order of Court thereon, that they, or either of them, may then appear and shew cause why the prayer thereof may not be granted, and that all further proceedings on the matter contained [mentioned] in said petition, be stayed until the decision of the General Court.

[Sent up by Colo Runnels.]

A vote of the Senate to go into [a] conference with the House at three o'clock in the afternoon, came down [from the Honbl Senate] for concurrence : was read and concurred.

[Sent up by Colo Runnels.]

Adjourned to three o'clock, P. M.

Met accordingly.

The honourable Senate and House being met in the assembly chamber, went into a conference on several publick matters. After the honourable Senate withdrew, the House debated largely on the requisition of Congress, of the second of August last, and agreed to postpone the further consideration thereof till to-morrow morning.

Voted, That Mr. Toppan, [Honbl] Mr. Langdon, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Duncan, Major Means, Mr. Betton, and Mr. Hubbard, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to take under [into] consideration the impost and excise acts now in force in this

state, and report a bill making such alterations and amend-
* 13 : 213 ments as they may judge necessary in the former *acts,
and ascertaining the mode [method] of collecting in [the]
future, and how the profits shall be appropriated.

[Sent up by Mr Spaulding.]

Voted, That Mr. Sparhawk, Col. Badger, Mr. Means, Mr. Kingsbury and Mr. Young, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to examine the returns from the several towns respecting paper money, and make an arrangement of the numbers for and against the plan proposed by the Court, also of the numbers for and against any other other plan proposed, and report thereon. [Sent up by Colo Hale.]

Voted, That Mr. Brackett, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hubbard, Mr. Preston, and Mr. Betton, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of David Place, and all similar matters, and report thereon. [Sent up by Mr. Greeley.]

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to morrow morning.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1786.

The House met according to adjournment.

Voted, That [Honbl] Mr. Langdon, Mr. Pickering, and Mr. Sparhawk, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to draught a letter to Congress, requesting that the time may be lengthened in which the Continental Commissioner may continue to receive the claims of this state against the United States until April next. [Sent up by Mr Ames.]

Again took under consideration the requisition of Congress, of the second of August last, and after debating thereon, agreed to postpone the further consideration thereof for the present.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock, P. M.

Met accordingly.

A vote came down from the honourable Senate appointing Mr. Gilman, Mr. Wentworth and Mr. Payne, with such of the honourable House as they may join, a committee to examine and report this state's quota of [the] foreign and domestic debt of the United States; and also the amount of the state debt, and what the proportion of each would be to the respective towns in this state. Was read and concurred and Mr. Pickering, Mr. Waldron, Mr. Wallace, Mr. Hubbard and Mr. Skinner joined. [Sent up by Mr Betton.]

Upon reading and considering the petition of Jacob
* 13 : 214 Copland, *Esquire, in behalf of the town of Stoddard,
praying that the time for holding the annual meeting in

said town, may be altered from the last Thursday to the first Monday of March annually, *Voted*, That the prayer thereof be granted, and that he have leave to bring in a bill accordingly.

[Sent up by Col° Runnels.]

Upon reading and considering the petition of Samuel Thompson, praying to be restored to his law, in a certain action, *Voted*, That the petitioner be heard thereon before the General Court, on Tuesday the second day of January next, and that in the mean time the petitioner cause that William Wallace, of Northwood, be served with a copy of the petition and order of Court thereon, that he may then appear, and shew cause, (if any he hath) why the prayer thereof may not be granted, and that all further proceedings against said Thompson be stayed until the decision of the General Court.

[Sent up by Mr Bradley.]

Voted, That Mr. M'Murphy, Mr. Hale, and Mr. Wallace with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of a petition from the towns of Winchester and Chesterfield, and report thereon. [Sent up by Mr Jenness.]

Voted, That Mr. Gibson, Mr. Wallace and Mr. Leavitt, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the account of Lamson and Ranlet, for printing, and report thereon. [Sent up by Mr Johnson.]

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1786.

The House met according to adjournment.

Upon reading and considering the petition of the inhabitants of New-Hampton, *Voted*, That the prayer thereof be granted, and that the petitioners have leave to bring in a bill accordingly.

[Sent up by Majr Kimball.]

Upon reading and considering the petition of Mary Hart, *Voted*, That the prayer thereof be granted, and that she [the Petitioner] have leave to bring in a bill accordingly.

[Sent up by Mr. Brackett.]

* Upon reading and considering the petition of Col. * 13 : 215
William Gregg, praying to be restored to his law, *Voted*,
that the petitioner be heard thereon before the General Court, on Tuesday the second day of January next, and that in the mean time the petitioner cause that John Anderson, of Londonderry, be served with a copy of the petition and order of Court thereon, that he may then appear and shew cause, (if any he hath) why the prayer thereof

may not be granted, and that the execution against said Gregg be stayed until the decision of the General Court.

[Sent up by the Col° Runnels.]

Voted, That the honourable Mr. Langdon, Mr. Betton, Mr. Preston, Mr. Gibson, and Mr. Pickering, with such of the honourable senate as they shall join, be a committee to take under consideration the table of fees for this state, and report a bill for making such alterations and amendments as they shall judge necessary.

[Sent up by Mr Holmes.]

Adjourned to Monday next, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1786.

The House met according to adjournment.

Voted, That the account of John Sparhawk, Esq. amounting to thirty-four shillings, be allowed and paid out of the treasury by order of the President. [Sent up by Mr Holmes.]

An act to impower the several towns and parishes [in this state,] to chuse new constables and collectors in room of such constables and collectors as have [been] deceased or may hereafter decease, or have absconded, or shall hereafter abscond, without compleating the collection of the taxes committed to them, and to authorize such new elected constables and collectors to complete such collection, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

[Sent up by Mr Young & Mr Peters.]

An act to restore Elizabeth Lampson to her law, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

[Sent up by Mr Young & Mr Peters.]

Upon reading and considering the petition of Ebenezer Farnum,

Voted, That the Treasurer be directed to issue to [the] said
* 13 : 216 Farnum, a new note and certificates equal in value * to
the notes lost, and equal [in value] to what he might have drawn if said note had not been lost, he the said Farnum giving security that if the lost note shall be found, that he will be accountable for the note and certificates to be issued in consequence of this note.

[Sent up by Mr Johnson.]

Voted, That Mr. Pickering, Mr. Toppan, and Mr. Young, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join be a committee to examine whether there are any laws now in force, to impower selectmen to assess any arrearages of taxes against towns which have been called upon by the state for taxes, in years past, and an assessment has been neglected, and report thereon. [Sent up by Mr Foster.]

Voted, That Mr. Robinson, Mr. Leavitt, and Mr. Peters, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to con-

sider of the petition of Abigail Hale, and all similar matters, and report thereon. [Sent up by Mr Foster.]

Voted, That Mr. Pickering be added to the committee for draughting impost and excise acts. [Sent up by Mr Bradley.]

The act for the recovery of small debts in an expeditious way and manner, was again taken under consideration, and the vote being called [for], whether said act is a constitutional act, [and] the yeas and nays being required, were as follow, viz.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Mr. Runnels,	Mr. Spaulding,	Mr. Hadley,	Mr. S. Kingsbury,
Mr. M'Murphy,	Mr. Wallace,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Putnam,
Mr. Wiggin,	Mr. Clement,	Mr. Preston,	Mr. Holmes,
Mr. Shaw,	Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Greeley,	Mr. Kimball,
Mr. Duncan,	Mr. Betton,	Mr. Jackman,	Mr. Gilmore,
Mr. Eliott,	Mr. Gibson,	Mr. Hale,	Mr. Jenks,
Mr. Gile,	Mr. Badger,	Mr. Mack,	Mr. Copland,
Mr. Barnard,	Mr. M'Millan,	Mr. Ames,	Mr. Peters,
Mr. Welch,	Mr. Dole,	Mr. Tolford,	Mr. Freeman,
Mr. Barron,	Mr. Emerson,	Mr. Skinner,	Mr. Johnson,
Mr. Page,	Mr. Cragin,	Mr. A. Kingsbury,	Mr. Young,

Nays.	Nays.	Nays.	Nays.
Hon. Mr. Langdon,	Mr. Bedee,	Mr. Dow,	Mr. Ashley,
Mr. Pickering,	Mr. Foster,	Mr. Chesley,	Mr. Chase,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Bradley,	Mr. Lovell,	Mr. Mooney,
Mr. Wheeler,	Mr. N. Emerson,		

44 Yeas — 14 Nays.

[So it passed in the affirmative.]

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

* TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1786. * 13 : 217

The House met according to adjournment.

The committee on the petition of the selectmen of Walpole reported, but the report was rejected.

Voted unanimously, That this House return their most cordial thanks to Paul Wentworth, Esquire, [of London] for his generous donation to Dartmouth College, and for the map of this state, presented by him to this House.

Voted, that the thanks of this House be given the honourable Daniel Rindge, Esquire, for his kind care of the maps presented, and polite conduct to this House, and that it is the request of the House that the honourable Mr. Rindge would submit to his friend Paul Wentworth, Esq. a copy of the above vote.

The committee on printing the acts, resolves, and journals of the General Court the two last sessions, reported, That the acts and resolves be printed as heretofore, and the journals in octavo. The committee having treated with the printers, who agree to print the acts and resolves, at two pence halfpenny per sheet; and the journals at five pence per sheet, to be paid in specie. The committee beg leave to add, that an appropriation may be made of monies on the impost revenue, sufficient to pay the printers for the aforesaid purpose: Signed Joshua Wentworth, for the committee. Which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted. [Sent up by Mr Brackett.]

Voted, That the honourable Mr. Langdon, [Speaker] Mr. Pickering and Mr. Badger, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to draught an address to Congress, stating the situation of the publick affairs of this state and the improbability of ever supplying the Treasury of the United States, unless some method can be devised for regulating the commerce of the said United States; Also, to request an allowance for the old continental currency now in the Treasury of this state.

Voted, To comply with the requisition of Congress of the 20th of October, 1786, respecting raising the two hundred and sixty men proportioned to this state. [Sent up by Mr Jenness.]

Adjourned to 3 o'clock, P. M.

Met accordingly.

* 13:218 **Voted*, That Mr. Betton, Mr. Robinson, and Mr. Marsh, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Enoch Barker and James Rundlet, [Also, The petition of James Rundlet] and the account of Enoch Barker, and report thereon.

[Sent up by Colo Runnels.]

Whereas the collection of outstanding taxes prior to the year 1786, has become necessary for the support of the federal union and the government of this state, and as a discrimination in the periods for the collection thereof ought to be made according to the time in which they become due: Therefore,

Voted, That unless the outstanding taxes due, prior to the year 1784, be paid into the state Treasury on or before the last day of March next, the Treasurer be desired and directed to issue extents therefor. And unless all outstanding taxes prior to the year 1785, be paid into the Treasury on or before the last day of June next, the Treasurer be desired to issue extents therefor as the law directs. And that unless all outstanding taxes for the year 1785, be paid by the last day of October next, the Treasurer be directed to issue extents therefor.

Upon which vote, the yeas and nays being called [for], were as follow, viz.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Hon. John Langdon	Mr. Bradley,	Mr. Sparhawk,	Mr. Hadley,
Mr. Pickering,	Mr. N. Emerson,	Mr. Robinson,	Mr. Greeley,
Mr. M'Murphy,	Mr. Hook,	Mr. Dearborn,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Underhill,	Mr. Waldron,	Mr. Dole,	Mr. Jackman,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Means,	Mr. Hubbard,
Mr. Wiggin,	Mr. Rollins,	Mr. Mann,	Mr. A. Kingsbury,
Mr. Merrill,	Mr. S. Hale,	Mr. Preston,	Mr. Stiles,
Mr. Eliott,	Mr. Brackett,	Mr. Putnam,	Mr. E. Hale,
Mr. Barnard,	Mr. Bedee,	Mr. Spaulding,	Mr. Young,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Chesley,	Mr. Wallace,	

Nays.	Nays.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Jenness,	Mr. Gilmore,	Mr. Leavitt,	Mr. Ashley.
Mr. Toppan,	Mr. Chase,	Mr. Gile,	Mr. Jenks,
Mr. Welch,	Mr. Mack,	Mr. Gibson,	Mr. Holmes,
Mr. M'Millan,	Mr. Ames,	Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Kimball,
Mr. Page,	Mr. Mooney,	Mr. Emerson,	Mr. Peters,
Mr. Cunningham,	Mr. Johnson,	Mr. Cragin,	Mr. Freeman.
Mr. Clement,	Mr. Skinner,	Mr. Rendall,	

39 Yeas — 27 Nays.

So it passed in the affirmative.

[Sent up by Capt Marsh.]

* Agreeable to the order of the day, proceeded to a * 13 : 219
hearing on petitions.

Upon hearing and considering the petition of Josiah Gage,[1] Esq. and others praying for a poll parish in the town of Pelham. *Voted*, That the prayer thereof be granted, and [that] the petitioner have leave to bring in a bill accordingly. [Sent up by Mr Wheeler.]

Voted, That the hearings on petitions which were to have been this day before the General Court, be postponed to Friday next, of which all persons concerned are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly. [Sent up by Col^o Lovell.]

The committee on the petition of Lucy Fay, reported that she is intitled to seven years half pay of an ensign, agreeably to resolves of Congress: Signed John Bellows, for the committee. Which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted, and that on a certificate from the pay-master, the President give order for the issuing of notes and certificates in common form.

[Sent up by Mr Holmes.]

Voted, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Gibson and Mr. Chase, with such of the

1. xiii. Ham. Town Papers, 151.

honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Major Joseph Kimball, and report thereon.

[Sent up Maj^r Kimball.]

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1786.

The House met according to adjournment.

Voted, That the Clerk of this House write to the Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, for the county of Rockingham, and request of him, a copy of the proceedings of [the] said [Inferior] Court in each action brought before them by appeals from [the] Justices of the Peace, in cases which exceed forty shillings.

Voted, That the vote of this House of the 24th of June last, respecting the removal of Nathaniel Peabody, Esq. from the office of Brigadier-General of the light-horse, (which was not concurred by the honourable Senate) be reconsidered and made null and void.

[Sent up by Col^o Runnels.]

* 13 : 220 * Agreeably to the order of the day, proceeded to the [a] hearing on petitions.

Upon hearing and considering the petition of John Blunt, Esq. *Voted*, That said petition be dismissed.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock, P. M.

Met accordingly.

Upon reading and considering the petition of William Burns and Abigail Burns, also the petition of Isaac Merrill, *Voted*, That the prayer thereof be granted, and that the petitioners have leave to bring in a bill accordingly. [Sent up by Mr Chesley.]

Upon hearing and considering the petition of Jonathan Clark,[1] *Voted*, That the prayer thereof be granted and that the Treasurer be directed to credit the town of Northwood, the sum of sixty pounds on any tax prior to the year 1786. [Sent up by Col^o Wiggin.]

Voted, That the hearing on the petition of James Saunders, which was to have been this day [before the General Court], be postponed to Wednesday next, of which all persons concerned are to take notice, and govern themselves accordingly. [Sent up by Maj^r Hale.]

Upon hearing and considering the petition of George Clark, *Voted*, That the prayer thereof be granted, and that he have leave to bring in a bill or resolve accordingly. [Sent up by Mr Betton.]

Upon hearing and considering [of] the petition of the selectmen of Unity,[2] *Voted*, That the said petition be dismissed.

1. xiii. Ham. Town Papers, 95. 2. xiii. Id, 578, 579.

Voted, That the [remainder of the] hearings which were to have been this day before the General Court be postponed till to-morrow, of which all persons concerned are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly. [Sent up by Mr Greeley.]

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1786.

The House met according to adjournment.

Whereas, George Clark, of Londonderry, in said state, having petitioned the General Court of this state, setting forth that it is inconvenient for him to attend publick worship in the east parish of said Londonderry, * and whereas he has heretofore * 13 : 221 attended at the meeting-house in the west parish of [in] said Londonderry, and praying that he may pay his ministerial tax to the west parish in said Londonderry, the prayer thereof appearing reasonable : Be it therefore *resolved*, that the said George Clark pay the whole of his ministerial tax to the said west parish in Londonderry from the time of passing this resolve, any usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding. [Sent up by Mr Betton.]

Agreeably to the order of the day, proceeded to a hearing on petitions but came to no determination.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock, P. M.

Met accordingly.

Voted, That Robert Gerrish, John Melcher, and George Jerry Osborne, each, have an order on the Treasury for ten pounds each, to be by them accounted for in their accounts for printing, and that the Treasurer be desired to call on the impost officer or naval officer, for specie to discharge said orders as soon as may be, and that the President give order accordingly. [Sent up by Mr Johnson.]

Again proceeded to a hearing on petitions.

Upon hearing and considering the petition of John Glidden, *Voted*, That the determination be postponed until to-morrow morning.

Upon hearing and considering the petition from Bath, respecting taxing non-residents lands for repairing highways, *Voted*, That the petition be so [far] granted [as] that the selectmen have liberty to tax the [whole of the] lands in said Bath three farthings per acre, for three years, and that the petitioners have leave to bring in a bill accordingly, allowing the non-residents the liberty of working out each one his proportion of the tax. [Sent up by Capt Spaulding.]

Upon hearing [reading] and considering the Petition of Thomas Clark, and others, *Voted*, That the prayer thereof be granted, and that the petitioners have leave to bring in a bill accordingly.

[Sent up by Mr Spaulding.]

* 13 : 222 * *Voted*, That Mr. Toppan, Mr. Ashley, and Mr. Means, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the Petition of Daniel Loring, and report thereon. [Sent up by Mr Spaulding.]

Upon hearing and considering the petition of Eliphalet Hale,[1] *Voted*, That the prayer thereof be granted, and that he have leave to bring in a bill accordingly. [Sent up by Mr Spaulding.]

Voted, That the hearings [on petitions] which were to have been this day before the General Court, be postponed until to-morrow, of which all persons concerned are to take notice, and govern themselves accordingly. [Sent up by Mr Spaulding.]

Voted, That Mr. Ashley, Mr. Gibson, and Col. Runnels, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the account of Col Benjamin Stone and report thereon.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

[Sent up by Mr Spaulding.]

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1786.

The House met according to adjournment.

An act to vest the United States in Congress assembled, with full power to regulate trade, and enter into treaties of commerce, was sent down from the honourable Senate for concurrence; was read three times and enacted.

[Sent up by Mr Preston and Mr Emerson.]

Upon reading and considering the petition of Samuel Hobart and Ephraim Robinson, *Voted*, That the prayer thereof be granted, and that they have leave to bring in a bill accordingly.

[Sent up by Capt Smith.]

Voted, to comply with the requisition of Congress, of the second of August, 1786, and that a bill be brought in accordingly.

[Sent up by Mr Johnson.]

Adjourned to 3 o'clock, P. M.

Met accordingly.

Voted, That the treasurer of this state be directed to issue two state notes in the name of John Whitehorn, one of twen-
* 13 : 223 ty-five pounds, the other for twenty-eight * pounds, in lieu of two notes of [the] like sums, which were issued at the Treasury, dated July 31st, 1785, and on which one year's interest has been paid, which notes are destroyed, and that he be intitled to receive 15 per cent. of the principal of the new notes, in the same manner as though said notes had not been destroyed.

[Sent up by Colo Wiggin.]

1. xi. Ham. Town Papers, 346.

An act for altering the time of holding the annual meeting in the town of Stoddard, in said state, was read a third time and passed to be enacted. [Sent up by Capt Copland & Capt Spaulding.]

An Act to impower the inhabitants of New-Hampton, to chuse a constable, or [the] selectmen for the time being, to appoint a collector, and give him a warrant for the collection of outstanding taxes, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

[Sent up by Capt Copland Mr Spaulding.]

Voted, That Mr. Robinson, Mr. Welch, and Mr. Betton, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of a certificate in favor of David E. Boynton: Signed Timothy Pickering, Quarter-Master-General, for ninety-two dollars and $\frac{86}{90}$, and report thereon. [Sent up by Mr Gilmore.]

Proceeded to a hearing on petitions agreeably to the order of the day.

Upon hearing and considering the petition of Leonard Whiting, Esquire, *Voted*, That Mr. Duncan, Mr. McMurphy, Mr. Badger, Mr. Dearborn, and Mr. Hubbard, be a committee to report on said petition.

Upon hearing and considering the petition of Stephen Barker, *Voted*, That the prayer thereof be granted, and that he have leave to bring in a bill accordingly. [Sent up by Majr Young.]

Voted, That the remainder of the hearings which were to have been this day before the General Court, be postponed until to-morrow, of which all persons concerned, are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly. [Sent up by Mr Wheeler.]

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

*SATURDAY, December 30, 1786. *13:224

The House met according to adjournment.

Voted, That Mr. Means, Mr. Gibson, and Mr. A. Kingsbury, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Major McQuestion, and report thereon.

[Sent up by Capt Peters.]

An act to enable the executors of [the last will of] Abiathar Winn, deceased, to sell a certain tract of land in Nottingham-West, which belonged to the testator, was read a third time and passed to be enacted. [Sent up by Colo Putnam & Mr Peters.]

Agreeably to the order of the day, proceeded to a hearing on petitions.

Upon hearing and considering the petition of Jonas Fairbank, *Voted*, That the prayer of said petition be so far granted as that the

petitioners have leave to bring in a bill at this or the next session, to incorporate those parts of the towns of Charlestown and Walpole, into a town agreeably to the prayer of the petition, and votes of the [said] towns of Charlestown and Walpole.

[Sent up by Col° Hale.]

An act for supplying the Treasury of this state with the sum of seventy-six thousand, two hundred and sixty eight dollars, in specie; and fifty-six thousand, four hundred and fifty-two dollars, in indents on the public securities of the liquidated debt of the United States, for the purpose of discharging the requisition of Congress, of the second [day] of August, 1786, was read a third time and passed to be enacted. [Sent up by Capt Spaulding & Mr Barron.]

An act to enable Mary Hart, to sell the interest of the children of her late husband James Hart, in the estate of their grandfather Thomas Hart, deceased, was read a third time and passed to be enacted. [Sent up by Mr Kimball & Mr Robinson.]

Voted, That the hearings which were to have been this day before the General Court, be postponed to Monday next, and that [of which] all persons concerned, are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly. [Sent up by Mr Works.]

* 13 : 225 *Adjourned to Monday next, at 2 o'clock P. M.

MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 1787.

The House met according to adjournment.

Voted, that Mr. Thompson, Mr. Preston, and Mr. Duncan, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of a bill presented for the encouragement of erecting [of] slitting mills, iron works, &c. and report such alterations and amendments as they shall judge necessary. [Sent up by Mr. Knowles.]

Voted, That Mr. Welch, Mr. Putnam, and Mr. Wallace, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Benjamin Dearborn, and report thereon.

[Sent up by Mr Knowles.]

Agreeably to the order of the day proceeded to a hearing on petitions.

Upon hearing and considering the petition of Samuel Adams, *Voted*, That the prayer thereof be granted, and that he have leave to bring in a bill to make void the judgment given at the Superior Court, in consequence of a report of referees, and to impower said Court to hear and determine in the same manner as though said action had not been referred. [Sent up by Col° Hale.]

The following vote came down from the honourable Senate for concurrence:

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

IN SENATE January 1st, 1787.

Voted, That there be an independent company of light horse, raised and officered in the town of Portsmouth and the vicinity, to consist of sixty-four privates, and eight non-commissioned officers; and to be commanded by a Captain, Lieutenant, and Cornet, to have the same rank as Captain, Lieutenant, and Ensign, have in the alarm list, and that his Excellency the President, with advice of the Council, appoint and commission them accordingly.

was [The same day] read and concurred. [Sent up by Mr Bradley.]

The committee on the petition of Major Samuel Jones, reported, that the Treasurer of this state be directed to receive of the said Samuel Jones, the sum of five hundred and thirty-seven continental dollars, as mentioned in his the said Jones' *pe- *13 : 226 tition, as if the same had been paid previous to the 23d of July, 1781: Signed Ebenezer Webster, for the committee. Which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted. [Sent up by Mr Holmes.]

Voted, That the hearings which were to have been this day before the General Court, be postponed until to-morrow, of which all persons concerned are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly. [Sent up by Capt Copland.]

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 1787.

The House met according to adjournment.

The committee on the petition of Major William M'Question, reported, That the Treasurer be directed to pay to said M'Question for the use of Robert Thompson, Esq. fifteen pounds lawful money, which was paid into the Treasury of this state by Samuel Chase, Esq. as rent for the farm of said Thompson; also that the said Chase, who was agent and receiver to the state, be ordered to pay to said M'Question as aforesaid, the sum of twenty-two pounds ten shillings, as the remainder of the rent of said farm, excepting the charge and expence that [the] said Chase was at, in leasing out said farm to be deducted out of said twenty-two pounds ten; and in case they cannot agree on the demands of said Chase, the same to be adjusted and

allowed by the Judge of Probate in the county of Hillsborough: Signed Elisha payne, for the committee. Which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted.

[Sent up by Mr Jenness.]

Whereas several precepts for taxes have been sent to the town of Gunthwait which have been assessed by persons who call themselves selectmen for [of] Concord, thereby depriving the proprietors of Gunthwait from paying their proportion of said tax, for remedy whereof, *Voted*, That a bill be presented, appointing some person to call a meeting of the inhabitants of Gunthwait to chuse assessors to proportion the outstanding taxes on the lots of the proprie-
* 13 : 227 tors *and inhabitants of said Gunthwait, and levy, collect and pay the same into the Treasury, and that precepts in future be directed to Gunthwait, that nothing in said act be construed to effect the title of land in said place: anything to contrary notwithstanding. [Sent up by Mr Jenness.]

Adjourned to 3 o'clock, P. M.

Met accordingly.

Whereas a number of persons, inhabitants of Keen, Packersfield, Gilsom, and Stoddard, petitioned the General Court, praying that a tract of land, being north-east corner of said Keen, and south-west corner of Stoddard, the north-west corner of said Packersfield and the south-east corner of said Gilsom, might be incorporated into a town agreeably to a plan presented; which petition was ordered to lie; and that in the mean time a committee be appointed to view the premises. Wherefore, *Voted*, That Lemuel Holmes, Esq. of Surry, Captain Samuel Works, of Westmoreland, and Absalom Kingsbury, Esquire of Alstead, be a committee to repair to the premises, view the same, and report their opinion to the next session of the General Court: Said committee are to cause the selectmen of said towns to be notified of the time and place of their meeting, that they may attend if they see cause. The expence of said committee to be paid by the petitioners. [Sent up by Capt Spaulding.]

The committee on the petition of Daniel Loring, reported, That the petitioner be restored to his law, as it appears to your committee that sundry articles of charge were not considered of by the referees: Signed John Bellows, for the committee. Which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted.

[Sent up by Majr Hale.]

Agreeably to the order of the day, proceeded to a hearing on petitions.

Upon hearing and considering the petition of James Banks, *Voted*, That the prayer thereof be granted, and that he have leave to bring in a bill accordingly. [Sent up by Mr Chesley.]

Upon hearing and considering the petition of Thomas Lewis, *Voted*, That the prayer thereof be granted, and that he have leave to bring in a bill accordingly. [Sent up by Mr Chesley.]

* Upon hearing and considering the petition of Benjamin Farley, *Voted*, That the prayer thereof be granted as far as respects the town of Holles, and agreeably to the vote of said town, and that the petitioner have leave to bring in a bill accordingly. * 13 : 228

[Sent up by Mr Johnson.]

Voted, That the hearings on petitions which were to have been this day before the General Court, be postponed until to-morrow, of which all persons concerned are to take notice, and govern themselves accordingly. [Sent up by Mr Johnson.]

Upon reading and considering the petition of Jonas Cutting, *Voted*, That the petitioner be heard thereon before the General Court, on the third Wednesday of the next session of said Court, and that in the mean time the petitioner cause that Josiah Whitney, mentioned in said petition, be served with a copy of the petition and order of Court thereon, that he may then appear, and shew cause (if any he hath) why the prayer thereof may not be granted.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 1787.

The House met according to adjournment.

An act to restore Stephen Barker to his law, was read a third time, and passed to be enacted. [Sent up by Mr Hale & Mr Bedee.]

An act to erect a poll parish in Pelham,[1] was read a third time and passed to be enacted. [Sent up by Mr Hale & Mr Bedee.]

An act to exempt sundry persons herein-after-mentioned, from serving in the train band, was sent down from the honourable Senate [to be Enacted]. Was read a third time [three times] and enacted.

[Sent up by Mr Hale & Mr Bedee.]

Read the proceedings of a [the late] General Court-Martial [which lays for consideration.]

Adjourned, to 3 o'clock P. M.

Met accordingly.

* *Voted* that each and every justice of the peace within the country where he resides, be and hereby is impowered to administer an oath or affirmation to any person or persons who is the owner or possessor of any certificates of liquidated debts (other than loan-office certificates) that the said certificates is bona fide, the property of the state, or of a citizen or citizens of the state or of some corporate body or charitable institution within the same ; and to give said * 13 : 229

1. xiii. Ham. Town Papers. 149, 150.

person or persons a certificate, describing the certificate or certificates alluded to in every such oath or affirmation, in such manner as shall be necessary to identify the same, that the Continental Loan-Officer may be at no loss in issuing indents for the interests of said certificates. [Sent up by Mr Holmes.]

Agreeably to the order of the day proceeded to a hearing on petitions.

The committee on the petition of Benjamin Dearborn, reported, That the petition be granted for fourteen years instead of twenty-one years: Signed Otis Baker, for the committee. Which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted, and that he have leave to bring in a bill accordingly. [Sent up by Mr Works.]

Upon reading [hearing] and considering the petition of James Saunders, *Voted*, That the prayer thereof be granted, and that he have leave to bring in a bill accordingly.

[Sent up by Mr Spaulding.]

Upon reading [hearing] and considering the petition of Samuel Thompson, *Voted*, That the prayer thereof be granted, and that he have leave to bring in a bill accordingly. [Sent up by Mr Bradley.]

Voted, That the hearing on the petition of Col. William Gregg, which was to have been yesterday before the General Court, be postponed to the third Wednesday of the next session of said Court, agreeably to the desire of both parties, and that the execution against said Gregg be stayed until the decision of the General Court.

[Sent up by Mr Jenness.]

* 13 : 230 * *Voted*, That the hearings on the petitions of the selectmen of Packersfield,[1] Henry Gerrish,[2] Esquire, Colonel Azariah Webb,[3] Amariah Curtis, Jonathan Parker, William Reed, and Captain Jeremiah Stiles, which were to have been this session, be postponed to the third Wednesday of the next session of the General Court, of which all persons concerned, are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly. [Sent up by Mr Jenness.]

Voted, That the hearing on the petition of the selectmen of Portsmouth, be postponed until to-morrow morning, of which all persons concerned are to take notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

[Sent up by Mr Jenness.]

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 1787.

The House met according to adjournment.

Voted, That Mr. M'Murphy, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Emerson, Mr. Hale and Mr. Peters, with such of the honourable Senate as they

1. xii. Ham. Town Papers, 639. 2. xi. Ham. Town Papers, 205. 3. xiii. Ham. Town Papers, 194.

shall join, be a committee to take under consideration the situation of the unimproved lands within this state, and report what method shall be taken to ascertain what part of said lands are the property of this state. [Sent up by Mr Jackman.]

[Upon reading and considering the petition of Thomas Pinkham, *Voted*, That the petitioner be heard thereon before the General Court, on the third Wednesday of the next session of said Court, and that in the mean time the petitioner cause, that Robert Lapish, of Durham, be served with a copy of the petition and order of court thereon, that he may then appear, and shew cause (if any he hath) why the prayer may not be granted.]

Upon hearing and considering the petition of the selectmen of Portsmouth, *Voted*, That the prayer thereof be granted, and that the petitioner have leave to bring in a bill accordingly.

[Sent up by Mr Jenness.]

Voted, That Mr. Pickering, Mr. Preston and Mr. Rollins, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of John Parker, Esq. and others, managers of the Dartmouth College Lottery, and report thereon.

[Sent up by Mr Cragin.]

Upon reading and considering the petition of the selectmen of Exeter, also [of] the petition of the assessors of the first parish in said Exeter, *Voted*, That the prayer of the petition be granted, and that the petitioners have leave to bring in a bill or bills accordingly.

[Sent up by Mr Robinson.]

Voted, That Mr. Preston, Mr. Young, Mr. Ashley, Mr. Waldron and Major Hale, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the proceedings of the late General Court-Martial, which were yesterday laid before the General Court, and report thereon. [Sent up by Mr Robinson.]

* *Voted*, That Mr. Hale, Mr. Gibson and Mr. Robinson, * 13 : 231 with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of George Frost,[1] Esq. in behalf of New-Castle, and report thereon. [Sent up by Capt Smith.]

Adjourned to 3 o'clock, P. M.

Met accordingly.

Voted, That Mr. Betton, Mr. Gibson and Mr. Bedee, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Samuel Bean, and report thereon.

[Sent up by Mr Chesley.]

Voted, That Captain Stiles, Mr. Toppan, and Mr. E. [Colo] Hale, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee

1. xii. Ham Town Papers, 38.

to consider of the petition of Col. Jedediah Sanger,[1] and others, and report thereon. [Sent up by by Stiles.]

The committee on paper-money returns, reported, That four hundred persons voted for the plan [proposed by the Court,] six hundred [and] ninety-seven against it; eight hundred and thirty-seven for various alterations and amendmends; [and] one hundred [and] thirty-one [against] the various alterations [and amendments], and one thousand two hundred and thirty-eight against paper money on any plan. [Signed M. Thornton for the Committee.]

On motion, can the legislature consistently with the constitution and their oaths, pass an act making paper bills of credit a tender to discharge private contracts made prior to the passing such act, the motion being put, *Voted*, unanimously in the negative.

On the motion whether paper money be emitted on any plan that has been proposed, *Voted* in the negative.

Upon a motion for granting the prayer of Doctor Jonathan Gove's petition, *Voted*, That the prayer thereof be so far granted, as that the sentence against said Gove be reversed, and that he have leave to bring in a bill accordingly; the yeas and nays were then called for, and are [were] as follow:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Hon. Mr. Langdon,	Mr. Foster,	Mr. Cunningham,	Mr. Ames,
Mr. Pickering,	Mr. Bradley,	Mr. Wallace,	Mr. Mooney,
Mr. Sparhawk,	Mr. Betton,	Mr. Stiles,	Mr. Peters,
Mr. Jenness,	*13:232 *Mr. S. Hale,	Mr. Rendall,	Mr. Tolford,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Brackett,	Mr. Gaskill,	Mr. Johnson,
Mr. Wiggin,	Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Ashley,	Mr. Freeman,
Mr. Shaw,	Mr. Page,	Mr. E. Hale,	Mr. Skinner,
Mr. Elliott,	Mr. Holmes,	Mr. Chase,	Mr. Young,
Mr. Barnard,	Mr. Means,	Mr. Kimball,	

Nays.	Nays.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Robinson,	Mr. Gibson,	Mr. Preston,	Mr. Gilmore,
Mr. Runnels,	Mr. Waldron,	Mr. Cragin,	Mr. Jenks,
Mr. M Murphy,	Mr. Rollins,	Mr. Greeley,	Mr. Mack,
Mr. Wheeler,	Mr. Bedee,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Copland,
Mr. Gile,	Mr. Chesley,	Mr. Hubbard,	
Mr. Hook,	Mr. Mann,	Mr. Kingsbury,	

35 Yeas, —— 22 Nays. —— So it passed in the affirmative.

[Sent up by Mr Works.]

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

1. xiii. Ham. Town Papers, 514.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 1787.

The House met according to adjournment.

An act to impower Samuel Hobart and Ephraim Robinson, Esquires, to collect the outstanding state and town taxes of the town of Exeter for the year 1786. Was read a third time and passed to be enacted. [Sent up Mr Johnson & Mr Kimball.]

Upon reading and considering the petition and memorial of John Cushing, *Voted*, That the petitioner be heard thereon before the General Court on Tuesday next, and that in the mean time the petitioner cause that Col. Samuel Sherburne be served with a copy of said [the] petition and order of Court thereon, that he may then appear and shew cause (if any he hath) why the prayer thereof may not be granted. [Sent up by Mr Cunningham.]

Whereas, in and by the act of this state, passed [on] the twenty eighth day of February in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-six, it is enacted, That ten thousand five hundred pounds [to] be raised on the poles and estates of the inhabitants of this state, and that the same be paid into the Treasury of this state in specie for the use of the United States; and whereas the receiving the drafts or orders drawn by the [Continental] Board of Treasury on the Loan-Officer of this state, payable to the subjects of this state, in payment or discharge of this state's tax as aforesaid, and that the receiving of the *draughts or orders * 13 : 233
into the Treasury of this state in lieu of specie, may greatly facilitate the payment, and discharge of said tax:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of this state receive the draughts or orders drawn by the Continental Board of the Treasury in favour of the subjects of this state, in part or in whole of the ten thousand five hundred pounds as aforesaid, always observing the draughts or orders already drawn by said Board of Treasury, and presented to the Loan-Officer of this state for payment previous to this resolve, and that the draughts or orders drawn by the Continental Board of Treasury when so received by the Treasurer of this state, be by him passed to the Loan-Officer of this state, in part or in whole of the ten thousand five hundred pounds as aforesaid, taking the Loan-Officer's receipts for the amounts thereof. [Sent up by Mr Cunningham.]

Voted, That the Treasurer be directed to receive of Nahum Baldwin, Esquire, sixty pounds in certificates, which he has sent by Major Means, and that he credit said Baldwin [forty pounds on the Bond he has in his Office against said Baldwin]; being certificates he received at the same [rate,] of debtors to absentees estates.

[Sent up by Mr Means.]

Upon mention made to reconsider a vote that passed last evening, respecting granting the prayer of Doctor Jonathan Gove's petition, *Voted*, Not to reconsider said vote. The yeas and nays were then called for, and are as follow, viz.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Mr. Runnels,	Mr. McMurphy,	Mr. Leavitt,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Hook,	Mr. Gibson,	Mr. Waldron,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Bedee,	Mr. Chesley,	Mr. Dearborn,	Mr. Marsh,
Mr. Emerson,	Mr. Preston,	Mr. Mann,	Mr. Spaulding,
Mr. Cragin,	Mr. Duncan,	Mr. Greeley,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Jackman,	Mr. Hubbard,	Mr. Kingsbury,	Mr. Gilmore,
Mr. Jenks,	Mr. Mack,	Mr. Copland,	

Nays.	Nays.	Nays.	Nays.
Hon. Mr. Langdon,	Mr. Bradley,	Mr. Robinson,	Mr. E. Hale,
Mr. Pickering,	Mr. Welch,	Mr. Jenness,	Mr. Chase,
Mr. Sparhawk,	Mr. Betton,	Mr. Toppan,	Mr. Holmes,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Knowles,	Mr. Cunningham,	Mr. Ames,
Mr. Wiggin,	Mr. Brackett,	Mr. Wallace,	Mr. Mooney,
Mr. Shaw,	Mr. S. Hale,	Mr. Clement,	Mr. Kimball,
Mr. Merrill,	Mr. Lovell,	Mr. Stiles,	Mr. Peters,
Mr. Eliott,	Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Rendall,	Mr. Johnson,
Mr. Gile,	Mr. Page,	Mr. Gaskill,	Mr. Freeman,
Mr. Barnard,	Mr. Means,	Mr. Ashley,	Mr. Skinner,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Putnam,	Mr. Works,	Mr. Young.

27 Yeas, —— 44 Nays.

So it is [was] not [to be] reconsidered.

* 13 : 234 *Voted*, that Mr. Sparhawk, Mr. Means, and Mr. Marsh, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the propriety of establishing a post-rider from Portsmouth to any part of this state, and report thereon.

[Sent up by Col° Runnels.]

Upon hearing and considering the petition of Lemuel Smith, *Voted*, That the execution recovered by Michael Wentworth, and Martha, his wife, against said Smith, be stayed for the term of one year. The yeas and nays being demanded, were as follow:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Mr. Runnels,	Mr. Stiles,	Mr. Gile,	Mr. Clement,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Gaskill,	Mr. Merrill,	Mr. Jackman,
Mr. Hook,	Mr. E. Hale,	Mr. Eliott,	Mr. Rendall,
Mr. Gibson,	Mr. Jenks,	Mr. Barnard,	Mr. Gilmore,
Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Ames,	Mr. Welch,	Mr. Chase,
Mr. Brackett,	Mr. Peters,	Mr. Waldron,	Mr. Mack,

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Mr. Dearborn,	Mr. Tolford,	Mr. Knowles,	Mr. Kimball,
Mr. Emerson,	Mr. Freeman,	Mr. Chesley,	Mr. Mooney,
Mr. Putnam,	Mr. Skinner,	Mr. Page,	Mr. Johnson.
Mr. Duncan,	Mr. Jenness,	Mr. Mann,	
Mr. Smith,	Mr. Wheeler,	Mr. Cragin,	

Nays.	Nays.	Nays.	Nays.
Hon. Mr. Langdon,	Mr. Foster,	Mr. Preston,	Mr. Spaulding,
Mr. Sparhawk,	Mr. Bradley,	Mr. Cunningham,	Mr. Kingsbury,
Mr. Leavitt,	Mr. Betton,	Mr. Hubbard,	Mr. Young,
Mr. Toppan,	Mr. S. Hale,	Mr. Ashley,	Mr. Means,
Mr. Wiggin,	Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Lovell,
Mr. Shaw,			

42 Yeas. —— 21 Nays.

So it passed in the affirmative. [Sent up by Mr Bradley.]

The vote on Benjamin Dearborn's petition was returned by the honourable Senate for the following amendment: "that he have a patent for the water engine and the scales, but not the steelyards;" which amendment was read and concurred.

[Sent up by Mr Bradley.]

*Adjourned to 3 o'clock, P. M. * 13 : 235

Met accordingly.

An act to confirm the title of Thomas Lewis to certain lands in Packersfield, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

[Sent up by Mr Spaulding and Mr Chesley.]

An act to confirm the title of James Banks to certain lands in Packersfield, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

[Sent up by Mr Spaulding and Mr Chesley.]

[An act to enable Sarah Chapin to sell the Real Estate of Hiram Chapin, late of Surry in said State, deceased, was read a third time and passed to be Enacted. Sent up by Mr Spaulding & Mr Chesley.

Voted, that an address of both houses be presented to the President and Council for the removal of Capt James Cochran, Capt Ela Dow, Capt John McKean, Lieut Jonathan Clough, Lieut Asa Robinson, and Ensign Thomas Cotton from office. Sent up by Mr Peters.]

The committee on the petition from New-Castle, reported, That the town of New-Castle be abated of their tax for the year 1782 one half: Signed Joshua Wentworth for the committee. Which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted, and that the Treasurer govern himself accordingly.

[Sent up by Colo Hale.]

The committee on the petition of James Runlet, also the petition of Enoch Barker and James Runlet, and the account of Enoch Barker, reported, That all gaol keepers for the time being, be ex-

empted from paying excise on spirituous liquors, from the first day of October last, and in future. — Also report, that in our opinion, the time prefixed by law, after the commitment of poor prisoners for debt, before they are allowed to take the oath prescribed for poor debtors, is too long, and ought to be limited to a shorter time. On the account of Enoch Barker, reported, that he be allowed and paid out of the treasury the sum of ten pounds, in full of said account: Signed Elisha Payne, for the committee. Which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted, and that the President give order on the Treasurer for the payment of said ten pounds to said Barker; and that a bill be brought in respecting prisoners confined for debt. [Sent up by Col° Hale.]

* 13 : 236 **Voted*, That Mr. Hubbard, Mr. Waldron, and Mr. Ashley, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of the selectmen of Swanzy,[1] and report thereon. [Sent up by Mr Holmes.]

Voted, That Mr. Pickering, Mr. Sparhawk, and Mr. Langdon, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Mess'rs. James and William Sheafe, and report an address to Congress on the subject matter of said petition. [Sent up by Mr Bradley.]

The following vote came down from the honourable Senate for concurrence:

In Senate, January 5, 1787.

The proceedings of the late Court-Martial, appointed by the President in consequence of the direction of both branches of the legislature, being read and fully considered. *Voted*, That the said proceedings, appear to be regular, fair, and candid; and that an address be [presented to the] President and Council, to carry the same into execution, according to the respective sentences and recommendations, excepting only that part of the sentence which tends to disqualify any of said officers from holding civil and military commissions in future, and also excepting the whole of the sentence against Lieutenant Thomas M'Clary, who appears to have been providentially prevented from attending the Court-Martial.

Read and concurred with this amendment; "excepting the whole of the sentence against Lieutenant Nathaniel Weare."

[Sent up by Mr Wiggin.]

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

1. xiii. Ham. Town Papers, 528.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 1787.

The House met according to adjournment.

An act in addition to an act, intitled "an act for opening and making passable a highway from Dartmouth College to Boscawen," was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

[Sent up by Mr Holmes and Mr Leavitt.]

Voted, That Mr. Samuel Bean be, and he hereby is appointed a post-rider, for the term of one year: to ride from Portsmouth to Chester, Londonderry, Amherst and Concord, and to return
* by the way he may chuse, and that he be intitled to all * 13 : 237
perquisites he may receive therefor; that [he] be not intitled to any reward from the state, unless for carrying state papers, which may be committed to his care. [Sent up by Mr Jenness.]

The committee on the petition of Samuel Bean, reported, That he be allowed ten pounds, in full of his services as post-rider, and that the Postmaster-General be directed to pay him in a state note, lodged in his hands for the purpose of paying post-riders: Signed Joshua Wentworth, for the committee. Which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted.

[Sent up by Mr Dole.]

Voted, That the vote on the petition of the selectmen of Portsmouth, of Thursday last, be reconsidered, and that a rehearing be granted, and that the petitioners be heard before the General Court on Wednesday morning next, and that all persons concerned take notice and govern themselves accordingly. [Sent up by Mr Dole.]

Voted, That Mr. Dearborn, Mr. Wheeler, and Major Hale, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the account of Col. Supply Clap, and report thereon.

[Sent up by Mr Stiles.]

Voted, that Mr. Dearborn, Mr. Wheeler, and Major Hale, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the account of James Runlet, and report thereon.

[Sent up by Colo Leavitt.]

An act to restore Samuel Thompson to his law, was read a third time, and passed to be enacted.

[Sent up by Mr Greeley and Mr Spaulding.]

An act to direct the mode for the assessing and collecting of the taxes against Gunthwait, was read a third time, and passed to be enacted. [Sent up by Mr Greeley and Mr Spaulding.]

An act to restore James Saunders to his law, was read a third time, and passed to be enacted. [Sent up by Mr Greeley and Mr Spaulding.]

Adjourned to Monday next, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 1787.

The House met according to adjournment.

* 13 : 238 * *Voted*, That Mr. Thompson, Mr. M'Murphy, Mr. E. Hale, Mr. Cunningham and Mr. Johnson, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the propriety of abolishing any part of the terms of the Inferior Courts and Courts of General Sessions of the Peace, and report a bill if they think proper. [Sent up by Mr Jackman.]

Voted, That Mr. Gibson, Mr. Bedee, Mr. Emerson, Mr. Ashley, and Mr. Freeman, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider what sum is necessary [to be raised] for the expenditures of the current year, also what salaries shall be allowed the officers of the civil list within this state, and report thereon. [Sent up by Mr Holmes.]

Upon reading and considering the petition of the selectmen of Walpole, *Voted*, That the prayer thereof be granted, and that they have leave to bring in a bill accordingly. [Sent up by Mr Johnson.]

Voted, That Mr. E. Hale, Mr. Chase and Mr. Waldron, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Col. Andrew M'Millan,[1] in behalf of the inhabitants of Conway, and report thereon.

[Sent up by Mr McMillan.]

Voted, That Mr. Sparhawk, Mr. Robinson and Mr. Means, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of a letter from the Executive of Virginia respecting commissioners on commercial matters, and report thereon.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 1787.

The House met according to adjournment.

On reading and considering a resolve of congress of the 31st of August, 1786, also a letter from his Excellency John Sullivan, Esq. *Voted*, That the Treasurer be directed to issue a note or notes to his Excellency John Sullivan Esquire, for the sum of four

* 13 : 239 thousand three hundred dollars, and * that he be intitled to receive certificates for [the] interest from January 1st 1780, he giving caution, agreeably to his letter dated this day, that if said interest is not allowed by Congress he will replace the certificates in the Treasury of this state on demand. [Sent up by Mr Kimball.]

1. xi. Ham. Town Papers, 421.

The committee on the table of fees reported, That the sheriffs fees for levying execution in personal actions, for the first twenty pounds, should be nine pence on the pound; from twenty to forty pounds, four pence on the pound; from forty to an hundred pounds, two pence on the pound; and for all above an hundred pounds, one penny on the pound: That the fees of the petit jury at the Superior Court, shall be as follows, [Viz.] In every civil cause, the foreman shall have two shillings and six pence; and each other juror two shillings: The foreman at the Common Pleas and Quarter Sessions, shall have two shillings; and each other juror one shilling and six pence: That the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas in this state, instead of the fees now taken, shall only be entitled to the following fees, for the articles herein mentioned, viz. For the entry of an action one shilling, for recording verdict six pence, judgment nine pence, for every recognizance nine pence, copies of all cases and papers, eight pence a page, containing two hundred [and] twenty-four words, and for a copy less than such a page four pence, for every execution, one shilling, continuance six pence, satisfaction for judgment four pence, writ of protection nine pence, for each venire two pence, writ of possession one shilling and six pence, entering appearance three pence, examining bill of cost four pence, and filing each paper a half penny: Clerk of the Quarter Sessions, for the following articles, shall only demand the following sums, for discharging recognizance six pence, for copies of cases as before mentioned, filing papers the same as in [at] Common Pleas; and that a bill be brought in accordingly: Signed Elisha Payne, for the committee. Which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted, (excepting what relates to sheriffs fees) which is not to be included in said bill. [Sent up by Mr Waldron.]

* An act to vest the privilege of keeping a ferry over a certain part of the Connecticut river, in the inhabitants of Charlestown, was read a third time and passed to be enacted. * 13 : 240

[Sent up by Colo Waldron and Majr Hale.]

The committee on ascertaining the waste or unimproved lands belonging to the state, reported, That they recommend that a bill be brought in, appointing and fully authorizing a committee to settle and ascertain the western line of a tract of land, originally granted to Captain John Mason, commonly called the Masonian line. That the said committee agree with the owners or claimants of said grant in running, marking, and establishing said line in such way and manner as they may mutually agree. But in case the said owners or claimants, and the committee should not agree in settling said line, that then the committee proceed to run and mark said line, agreeably to

the tenor and construction of the original grant or grants of the same, and make report thereof to the General Court. The committee recommend, that some court be particularly impowered, or a new court erected to try and determine all matters relative to the performance or non-performance of charter conditions of lands granted in this state, known by the name of King's grants: And as soon as such court shall be authorized or erected, that the Attorney-General be directed from time to time, as the General Court shall think proper, to summon before said Court the owners or claimants of such granted towns or located lands as the said General Court shall suppose deficient in performing their respective charter conditions, to shew cause why their said lands should not be declared forfeit, and to obtain before said Court an equitable determination thereon: Signed Elisha Payne, for the committee. Which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted, and that a bill or bills be brought in accordingly. [Sent up by Capt Works.]

* 13 : 241 * *Voted*, That Mr. Robinson, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Chase, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of the inhabitants of Middletown, and report thereon. [Sent up by Mr Dearborn.]

The committee on the petition of John Parker, Esquire, and others, managers of Dartmouth College Lottery, beg leave to report, That President John Wheelock, Esquire, Elisha Payne, Bezaleel Woodward, and Ebenezer Brewster, Esquires, be appointed managers of the lottery, instead of the petitioners, agreeably to said petition, and that the time for carrying on said lottery be lengthened out: Signed Amos Shepard, for the committee. Which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted, and that a bill be brought in accordingly. [Sent up by Mr Elliott.]

Adjourned to 3 o'clock, P. M.

Met accordingly.

Agreeably to the order of the day proceeded to a hearing on Mrs. Wallingford's petition.

Upon hearing and considering the petition of Elizabeth Wallingford, *Voted*, That the prayer thereof be granted, and that she have leave to bring in a bill accordingly. [Sent up by Mr Stiles.]

The vote for granting the prayer of the petition of the selectmen of Bedford, came down [from the Honb^l Senate] for the following amendment, "that the selectmen of Bedford appoint some proper person to collect said taxes;" which amendment was read and concurred. [Sent up by Mr Stiles.]

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 1787.

The House met according to adjournment.

An act to vest in Benjamin Dearborn, the exclusive right of making and vending certain engines and scales, for fourteen years, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

[Sent up by Mr Emerson & Mr Holmes.]

Voted, That Mr. Toppan, Mr. Chesley, Mr. Wallace, Mr. Rendall, and Mr. Johnson, with such of the honourable Senate
* as they shall join, be a committee to consider of a motion * 13 : 242
made "that state notes be received in payment of all outstanding taxes prior to the year 1786," and report thereon.

[Sent up by Mr McMillan.]

Voted, That seven thousand, two hundred pounds, be raised in facilities, payable for the interest of this state's debt; and two thousand, eight hundred pounds in specie, for the supply of the Treasury for the current year, and that a bill be brought in for that purpose.

[Sent up by Mr Chesley.]

Voted, That his Excellency the President, have and receive out of the Treasury the sum of two hundred pounds, as a salary from June, 1786, to June, 1787. [Sent up by Mr Chesley.]

Voted, That John Taylor Gilman, Esquire, have and receive out of the Treasury of this state two hundred and thirty pounds, in full for salary, responsibility of office, hire of clerk, attending the General Court from time to time, office hire, firewood, candles, &c. from June 12th, 1786, to June 12th, 1787. [Sent up by Mr Chesley.]

Adjourned to 3 o'clock P. M.

Met accordingly.

Voted, That Mr. Waldron, Mr. Greeley, and Mr. Smith, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of an extract of a pay roll presented by Col. Stephen Evans, and report thereon. [Sent up by Mr Chesley.]

The committee on the petition of Col. Andrew M'Millan,[1] in behalf of the inhabitants of Conway, reported, That the town of Conway be allowed out of their rateable estate for land, cattle and horses, the sum of eighteen pounds, until another valuation is proportioned through the state: Signed John McDuffee, for the committee. Which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted, and that the Treasurer govern himself accordingly.

[Sent up by Capt Spaulding.]

* The committee on the account of James Rundlet, report- * 13 : 243
ed, That he be allowed nine pounds, six [teen] shillings and two pence, in full of said account: Signed Joshua Wentworth, for the

1. xi. Ham. Town Papers, 421.

committee. Which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received, and accepted, and that the said sum be paid out of the Treasury by order of the President. [Sent up by Mr. Gile.]

The committee appointed to consider of the accounts of Col. Supply Clap, reported, That after having carefully examined the same and vouchers, that they find a balance due on said accounts to said [Supply] Clap, of thirty-three pounds, eight shillings and one penny, which is to be in full; also, twenty pounds in full for his service as Commissary-General, up to the 12th of June, 1787: Signed Joshua Wentworth, for the committee. Which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted, and that the President give order accordingly on the Treasury for said sums.

[Sent up by Mr Jackman.]

An act to impower the selectmen of the town of Exeter to collect the outstanding taxes of the town of Exeter for the years 1783, 1784, and 1785, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

[Sent up by Mr Robinson & Mr Spaulding.]

Voted, That Joseph Pearson, Esquire, have and receive out of the Treasury the sum of twenty pounds, for his salary as Secretary, from June, 1786, to June, 1787, and that the President give order accordingly. [Sent up by Mr Waldron.]

Voted, That Mr. M'Murphy, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Wallace, Mr. Chase, and Mr. Young, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of a resolve respecting Probate Courts, and report thereon. [Sent up by Mr Waldron.]

An act for the support of invalids, was read a third time and passed to be enacted. [Sent up by Mr Emerson & Capt Peters.]

An act to incorporate a town by the name of Langdon, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

[Sent up by Mr Young & Mr Hale.]

* 13 : 244 * An act to vest the exclusive privilege of keeping [a ferry] over a certain part of the Connecticut river, in Eliphalet Hale,[1] of Chesterfield, his heirs and assigns, was read a third time and passed to be enacted. [Sent up by Mr Freeman & Mr Young.]

Voted, That the account of his Excellency John Sullivan, Esquire, amounting to nine pounds, twelve shillings, for cash advanced for standards, be allowed and paid out of the Treasury by order of the President. [Sent up by Mr Greeley.]

Voted, That Mr. Means, Mr. Robinson, and Mr. Gilmore, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of the selectmen of Plainfield; also the petition of Samuel Fairfield, and all similar matters, and report thereon.

[Sent up by Mr Greeley.]

1. xi. Ham. Town Papers, 346.

Voted, That Mr. Young, Mr. Gilmore, and Mr. Freeman, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Col. Jonathan Rawson, and report thereon.

[Sent up by Mr Greeley.]

Upon reading and considering the petition and account of Nahum Baldwin, Esq., *Voted*, That it is the opinion of this House, that the state ought not to pay the prison charges against William Moreland, but that the county of Hillsborough pay the same.

Voted, That Mr. Sparhawk, Mr. Hubbard, and Mr. Wiggin, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of John Penhallow, Samuel Cutts, and John Wendell, Esquires, and report thereon.

[Sent up by Mr Cunningham.]

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 1787.

The House met according to adjournment.

An act to enable the selectmen of Bath to raise the sum of three farthings on each acre of land in said Bath annually, for the term of three years, for the purpose of making and repairing the highways and bridges, in said town, was read a third time and passed to be enacted. [Sent up by Mr Stiles & Mr Young.]

* An act for extending the powers and authority of the * 13 : 245
Maritime Court in this state, was read a third time and passed to be enacted. [Sent up Mr Johnson & Mr Kimball.]

Read and debated on publick bills.

The committee on the petition of Messieurs James Sheafe and William Sheafe, reported, That an attested copy of the petition and order of Court thereon, be delivered to the delegates for this state, and that they be desired and instructed to represent to Congress the manner of seizure and condemnation of the brigantine and cargo and move Congress to instruct their minister at the Court of London, to demand restoration or compensation for the said brigantine and cargo, seized and condemned contrary to the laws of nations and trade; Signed Joshua Wentworth, for the committee. Which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted.

[Sent up by Mr Kimball.]

Adjourned to 3 o'clock, P. M.

Met accordingly.

Voted, That Mr. Sparhawk, Mr. Thompson, Mr. R. Smith, Mr. Holmes and Mr. Freeman, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider what allowance shall be

made to the members of the honourable Senate and House of Representatives, and their officers, for their travel and attendance at the present session; also what business is yet necessary to be done at this session, and at what time this court shall be adjourned, and at what place the court shall meet in June next, and report thereon.

[Sent up by Mr Dole.]

An act to impower the selectmen of Bedford to appoint some proper person to collect taxes in the town of Bedford for the year of our Lord 1785, was read a third time, and passed to be enacted.

[Sent up by Mr Jenness & Mr Dole.]

An act to appoint new managers for Dartmouth College Lottery, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

[Sent up by Mr Marsh & Mr Mann.]

* 13 : 246 *An act for the regulating the gauging of casks, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

[Sent up by Mr Marsh & Mr Mann.]

An act to impower the several towns, districts, and individuals within this state, to pay their quotas of the state and federal debt, and to entitle such as pay the same to a discharge therefrom, was read a third time, and passed to be enacted.

[Sent up by Mr Chase & Mr Kimball.]

An act to enable Daniel Loring and Asahel Goodenough, to refer all demands between them to referees, was read a third time and passed to be enacted. [Sent up by Mr Ashley & Mr Greeley.]

Upon a second reading and considering an enacting clause in a bill, intitled, an act to reverse a judgment of the Superior Court of Judicature, against Jonathan Gove; The yeas and nays were called for, and are as follow, viz.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Hon. Mr. Langdon,	Mr. Barnard,	Mr. Means,	Mr. Ames,
Mr. Pickering,	Mr. Foster,	Mr. Cunningham,	Mr. Kimball,
Mr. Sparhawk,	Mr. Bradley,	Mr. Rendall,	Mr. Mooney,
Mr. Robinson,	Mr. Welch,	Mr. Gaskill,	Mr. Peters,
Mr. Underhill,	Mr. S. Hale,	Mr. Ashley,	Mr. Tolford,
Mr. Jenness,	Mr. Brackett,	Mr. Works,	Mr. Johnson,
Mr. Toppan,	Mr. McMillan,	Mr. [E] Hale,	Mr. Skinner,
Mr. Wiggin,	Mr. Freeman,	Mr. Chase,	Mr. Brown,
Mr. Merrill,	Mr. Page,	Mr. Holmes,	Mr. Young.
Mr. Eliott,			

Nays.	Nays.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. McMurphy,	Mr. Rollins,	Mr. Dearborn,	Mr. Hadley,
Mr. Leavitt,	Mr. Bedee,	Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Greeley,
Mr. Wheeler,	Mr. Chesley,	Mr. Dole,	Mr. Smith,

Nays.	Nays.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. N. Emerson,	Mr. Jackman,	Mr. [D] Emerson,	Mr. Jenks,
Mr. Hook,	Mr. Hubbard,	Mr. Mann,	Mr. Mack,
Mr. Waldron,	Mr. Kingsbury,	Mr. Preston,	Mr. Kimball.
Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Gilmore,	Mr. Cragin,	

37 Yeas, —— 27 Nays.

So it passed in the affirmative.

*The vote respecting allowing his Excellency the President nine pounds twelve shillings, for cash advanced for standards, and that he have an order on the Treasurer for said sum, came down from the honourable Senate for the following amendment: "That the Treasurer be directed to give his Excellency the President an order on the Naval-Officer for the aforesaid sum," which amendment was read and concurred. [Sent up by Mr Jackman.] *13 : 247

Voted, That the account of John Melcher, amounting to fifteen pounds, (for printing Election Sermons) be allowed and paid out of the Treasury by order of the President. [Sent up by Mr Jackman.]

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 1787.

The House met according to adjournment.

Voted, That Mr. Welch, Mr. Chesley, Mr. Preston, Mr. Kendall, and Mr. Young, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Charles Clapham, and report thereon. [Sent up by Majr Kimball.]

Voted, That Mr. Jenness, Mr. Robinson and Mr. McMurphy, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider what method shall be taken for supplying the officers and soldiers at New-Castle, with subsistence, fuel, &c., and how their wages shall be paid, also consider the petition of Elias Tarlton, and report thereon. [Sent up by Capt Underhill.]

An act to reverse a judgment of the Superior Court of Judicature, against Jonathan Gove, was read a third time and passed to be enacted. [Sent up by Mr Johnson & Mr Peters.]

An Act to disannex a certain tract of land lying in the town of Hollis [from said Hollis], and annex the same to the town of Raby, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

[Sent up by Mr Waldron & Mr Dearborn.]

The committee on Conway petition, reported, That the town of Conway be abated fifty pounds out of the taxes *in full for losses sustained by the late freshets in said town *13 : 248

of Conway: Signed John McDuffee, for the committee. Which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted, and that the Treasurer credit said town accordingly.

[Sent up by Mr McMillan.]

A vote came down from the honourable Senate appointing Clap Sumner, of Lebanon, one of the committee to carry into effect an act for opening and making passable a road or highway from Dartmouth College to Boscawen, in the place of Elisha Payne, resigned. Was read and concurred. [Sent up by Colo Wiggin.]

Voted, That Mr. Wiggin, Mr. Chase, Mr. Young, Mr. Sparhawk and Mr. Foster, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the bills for apportionment and payment of the foreign, domestic and state debt, which were under consideration of the General Court the last evening, and [report] such a bill as they may judge proper. [Sent up by Mr Young.]

Adjourned to 3 o'clock, P. M.

Met accordingly.

Voted, That seven thousand eight hundred pounds be raised in facilities, payable for the interest of this state's debt, six hundred pounds of which is for the purpose of paying bounty certificates for killing wolves, and two thousand eight hundred pounds in specie, for the supply of the Treasury for the current year, and that a bill be brought in for that purpose. [Sent up by Mr Chesley.]

The following vote came down from the honourable Senate for concurrence:

In Senate, January 11th, 1787.

Voted, That the statement of the accounts between this state and the United States, and Stephen Gorham, Esq. Continental Commissioner's, receipt for the vouchers handed into court by
* 13 : 249 Joseph Gilman, Esquire, be referred to *a [the] committee appointed to draught a letter to Congress, was read and concurred. [Sent up by Mr Page.]

Voted, That the account of the members of the Court-Martial, amounting to forty-one pounds, three shillings: The account of Col. Jonathan Rawson, of four pounds, eleven shillings and six pence; the account of Major Jonathan Cass, of four pounds, eight shillings and two pence; the account of Col. Joseph Welch, of one pound four shillings; the account of [Capt] Robert Smith, of two pounds, thirteen shillings and eight pence; also the account of James Clement, of one pound, five shillings and six pence, be allowed and paid out of the Treasury by order of the President. [Sent up by Mr Stiles.]

Voted, That the pay-roll of Col. Amos Cogswell, amounting to thirty-four pounds, be allowed and paid out of the Treasury by order of the President. [Sent up by Mr Knowles.]

Voted, That Mr. Robinson, Mr. Emerson, and Mr. Hale, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Lydia Wallingford, alias Cogswell, and report thereon. [Sent up by Mr Knowles.]

The committee appointed to take under consideration the resolve of the General Court, of the 22d September last, respecting an addition to the light-horse, beg leave to report, That the said addition ought to be confirmed and established: That the regiment on Merrimac river, including the county of Hillsborough, and the towns of Merideth, Gilmanton, Barnstead, Chichester, Epsom, and Allenstown, and the towns lying between those and Merrimac river; that the companies in the regiment on Connecticut river include the county of Cheshire, and three towns deep from Connecticut river in the county of Grafton; that the eastern regiment include the county of Rockingham and Strafford, excepting the towns taken of as above said; that the officers of the light *horse shall * 13 : 250 not enlist more than eight men from any one company of the militia, and none but such as keep one or more horses, and are of sufficient ability to equip themselves; and that they make a return of the names of the persons by them already enlisted, to the respective Captains, out of whose company they have enlisted, within three months after such enlistment, and that the President be requested to call upon the officers to equip themselves, and see that their men are equipped as soon as possible: Signed Amos Shephard, for the committee. Which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted. [Sent up by Mr Johnson.]

An act to impower the assessors of the first parish in the town of Exeter, to appoint a collector of outstanding taxes, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

[Sent up by Mr Johnson & Mr Waldron.]

The committee on the petition of Major Joseph Kimball, reported, That the Treasurer be directed to receive of the town of Plainfield, thirty pounds, nine shillings, in this state's paper bills, excepting any of said bills that may be counterfeit, reducing the same by the scale at the last of December, 1777, and credit said town for the same (when reduced) in any tax payble in certificates: Signed John M'Duffee, for the committee. Which report being read and concurred, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted. [Sent up by Mr Hubbard.]

The committee on the petition of Samuel Fairfield, reported, That the Treasurer be directed to credit the town of Plainfield, three

pounds twelve shillings, in any tax payable in certificates, for the tax on the right of Benning Wentworth, for the years 1777, 1778, 1779, and 1780: Signed John M'Duffee, for the committee. Which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted.

[Sent up by Mr Hubbard.]

* 13 : 251 * Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 1787.

The House met according to adjournment.

An act to establish a certain highway laid out in Portsmouth, by the selectmen thereof, was read a third time and passed to be enacted. [Sent up by Mr Emerson & Mr Jenness.]

An act in addition to and amendment of the acts establishing a table of fees, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

[Sent up by Mr Emerson & Mr Jenness.]

Voted, That Mr. Thompson, Mr. Kingsbury, and Mr. Welch, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to nominate to this House six proper persons, out of whom three to be appointed a committee to ascertain, settle and fix the western line of the Masonian patent (so called); the names of which committee are to be put into a bill now under consideration.

[Sent up by Mr Wallace.]

An act to enable Elizabeth Wallingford to renew her action against Samuel Sherburne, Esquire, and others, at and before the Superior Court, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

[Sent up by Mr Wallace & Mr Hubbard.]

Voted, That the Chief Justice of the Superior Court be allowed, as a salary annually, one hundred and fifty pounds, he accounting for the fees he may from time to time receive, and that the same be paid out of the Treasury by order of the President.

[Sent up by Capt Stiles.]

Voted, That the Puisne Justices of the Superior Court be allowed one hundred and thirty pounds each, as a salary annually, they accounting severally for the fees they may from time to time receive, and that the same be paid out of the Treasury by order of the President. [Sent up by Mr Johnson.]

* 13 : 252 * An act to impower John Bellows, Amasa Allen, and Thomas Bellows, to sell certain lands conveyed by Nathan Brooks to Solomon Brooks, his son, and to apply the monies thence arising to the support and maintenance of the said Nathan Brooks, was read a third time and passed to be enacted. On which bill the yeas and nays were demanded by Major Young, for the following, which he offered as his reason for so doing:

Whereas the selectmen of Walpole have petitioned the General Court, at the present session, Praying to be authorized to sell lands of Nathan Brooks, conveyed to Solomon Brooks by said Nathan, and a bill being brought in for that purpose at the same session, where the application was made without giving any notice to any person to shew cause why the prayer of said petition might not be granted; which bill, for the reason aforesaid, I object to being passed, and request the yeas and nays upon the question for passing the bill, and that the foregoing be entered as reasons for so doing.

John Young.

Portsmouth, January 11, 1787.

The yeas and nays being called for were as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Hon. Mr. Langdon,	Mr. Brackett,	Mr. Toppan,	Mr. E. Hale,
Mr. Pickering,	Mr. Chesley,	Mr. Brown,	Mr. Jenks,
Mr. Sparhawk,	Mr. Dearborn,	Mr. Wiggin,	Mr. Ames,
Mr. McMurphy,	Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Merrill,	Mr. Kendall,
Mr. Jenness,	Mr. Page,	Mr. Eliott,	Mr. Mooney,
Mr. Barnard,	Mr. Mann,	Mr. Kingsbury,	Mr. Peters,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Putnam,	Mr. Stiles,	Mr. Tolford,
Mr. Bradley,	Mr. Cragin,	Mr. Rendall,	Mr. Johnson,
Mr. N. Emerson,	Mr. Cunningham,	Mr. Gaskill,	Mr. Skinner.
Mr. Welch,	Mr. Jackman,	Mr. Ashley,	Mr. Kimball,
Mr. Rollins,	Mr. Hubbard,	Mr. Works,	

Nays.	Nays.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Robinson,	Mr. D. Emerson,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Mack,
Mr. Wheeler,	Mr. Hadley,	Mr. Chase,	Mr. Young,
Mr. Hale,			

43 Yeas. —— 9 Nays.

So it passed in the affirmative.

[Sent up by Col° Hale & Col° Welch.]

* 13 : 253 * The committee on the petition of Charles Clapham reported, That the Treasurer be directed to receive of Charles Clapham the amount of one hundred and sixty pounds, in state securities, in part payment of his bond: Signed Ebenezer Webster, for the committee. Which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted. [Sent up by Mr Chesley.]

An act for raising seven thousand two hundred pounds, in facilities, and three thousand pounds in specie, for the use of this state the current year, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

[Sent up by Mr Skinner & Mr Rendall.]

Voted, That Mr. Means, Mr. Emerson, and Mr. Peters, with such

of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Josiah Butler, and report thereon.

[Sent up by Mr Skinner.]

Adjourned to 3 o'clock, P. M.

Met accordingly.

Voted, That the Members of the honourable Senate and [Honbl] House of Representatives have six shillings per day each, and four pence per mile travel to and from their homes; that the Secretary and Clerk [have nine shillings pr day and travel as Members and the Assistant Clerk one shilling & Six pence pr Day more than his pay as a Member, that the Clerk be allowed one day extraordinary for making up the Rolls — and that the Secretary and Clerk] make up the respective rolls accordingly: and that his Excellency the President give order on the Treasurer for the payment of said rolls in the usual way. [Sent up by Mr Holmes.]

An act to disannex certain persons herein after named, from the township of Piermont and annex them with their estates to Wentworth, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

[Sent up by Mr Holmes & Mr Young.]

Voted, That Mr. Robinson, Mr. Thompson and Mr. Dearborn, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be
* 13 : 254 a * committee to consider of a vote of the General Court of June 20th, 1783, respecting New-Durham-Gore, and report thereon. [Sent up by Mr. Chesley.]

Adjourned to Monday next, at 9 o'clock A. M.

MONDAY, January 15, 1787.

The House met according to adjournment.

Voted, That the members of the honourable Council have and receive nine shillings per day each, for their attendance in Council, and that they be allowed for travel as members of the Senate and House, when called together in the recess of the General Court, and that the Secretary make up a roll accordingly, and that the President give order for the payment thereof. [Sent up by Mr Holmes.]

Voted, That the Attorney-General, have and receive out of the Treasury, fifty pounds annually [as a Salary], to commence in April next, and that the President give order accordingly.

[Sent up by Mr Barnard.]

Voted, That the balance of the account of John Calfe, Esquire, amounting to two pounds, two shillings and two pence, be allowed and paid out of the Treasury by order of the President.

[Sent up by Mr Hubbard.]

Voted, That Mr. M'Murphy, Mr. Emerson and Mr. Jackman, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the account of Col. William Brewster, and report thereon. [Sent up by Mr Hubbard.]

Voted, That the balance of the account of Ephraim Robinson, amounting to three pounds, fourteen shillings and one penny halfpenny be allowed and paid out of the Treasury by order of the President. [Sent up by Mr Hubbard.]

Voted, That the account of Ephraim Robinson, amounting to nine pounds four shillings and six pence, be allowed and paid out of the Treasury by order of the president.

[Sent up by Mr Merrill.]

* *Voted*, That the account of Major Samuel Hale * 13 : 255 amounting to six pounds, two shillings, be allowed and paid out of the Treasury by order of the President.

[Sent up by Majr Hale.]

Voted, That the account of Ephraim Robinson, junior, amounting to forty-two shillings, be allowed and paid out of the Treasury by order of the President. [Sent up by Mr Johnson.]

Voted, That the account of Christopher Toppan, Esquire, amounting to eighteen shillings, be allowed and paid out of the Treasury by order of the President. [Sent up by Mr Holmes.]

An act for ascertaining the waste land belonging to this state, was read a third time and passed to be enacted.

[Sent up by Mr Kimball & Mr Hale.]

Adjourned to 3 o'clock P. M.

Met accordingly.

Voted, That Mr. Johnson, Mr. Young and Mr. Chesley, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Lois Johnson,[1] and report thereon.

[Sent up by Mr Young.]

Voted, That Mr. Preston, Mr. Emerson, and Mr. Foster, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Josiah Young, and report thereon.

[Sent up by Mr Young.]

A vote came down from the honourable Senate for appointing a second-lieutenant and a quarter master for the independent company of light-horse, in Portsmouth. Was read and concurred.

[Sent up by Colo Hale.]

Resolved, That the Treasurer of this state be and hereby is directed still to receive into the treasury, facilities issued by the Continental Loan-Officers for the interest of the liquidated debt of the

1. xiii. Ham. Town Papers, 662.

United States toward satisfying the requisition of Congress of the 27th of September, 1785, until further order of the General Court.

[Sent up by Mr Wiggin.]

* 13 : 256 * Upon reading and considering the petition of Sarah Purcell, *Voted*, That the petitioner be heard thereon before the General Court on the second Tuesday of the next session of said Court, and that in the mean time the petitioner cause that the honourable Woodbury Langdon, Esquire, be served with a copy of the petition and order of Court thereon, that he may then appear and shew cause (if any he hath) why the prayer thereof may not be granted. [Sent up by Mr Cragin.]

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 1787.

The House met according to adjournment.

The committee on the petitions of the towns of Cornish, Plainfield, &c. reported, That they have compared the account of Hanover with other towns, and find that they have expended three hundred and sixty-three pounds, six shillings and eleven pence more than their proportion, according to the best of the committee's judgment; Signed Ephraim Robinson, Lemuel Holmes, Samuel Hale, John Waldron, [committee.] Which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted, excepting one hundred and eleven pounds, which was paid nine six months men, for wages and travel when serving in Vermont, and that the Treasurer discount out of the taxes against the town of Hanover, prior to the year 1782 [1784, the sum of] two hundred [and] fifty two pounds six shillings and eleven pence, and that the matter respecting said six months men, be left to the consideration of a future legislature.

[Sent up by Mr Knowles.]

Read and debated on [a] publick bill [bills].

Adjourned to 3 o'clock P. M.

Met accordingly.

The committee appointed to consider of the supplying the officer and soldiers at New-Castle, with subsistence &c. also to consider of the petition of Elias Tarlton, reported, That the money * 13 : 257 produced from the light at New-*Castle, be appropriated to purchase subsistence, fuel, oyl, wickyarn, and to purchase provision, to pay [up] the back rations due to the officer and soldiers; also the monthly pay of Elias Tarlton, of forty shillings, for attending said light; and that the Naval-Officer be directed to pay into the hands of the Commissary-General monies for the aforesaid

purposes, provided the revenue of light-money is sufficient, and the said Commissary apply the same accordingly, and account with the General Court therefor, and that the officer and soldiers be paid their wages by an order on the treasury: Signed Joshua Wentworth, for the committee. Which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted; and that if the revenue exceed the aforesaid purposes, that the surplus be applied to the repair of the light-house, and for repairing a barrack for the soldiers at the fort.

[Sent up by Mr Greeley.]

Voted, That two proper persons be appointed to represent this state in the convention to be held in [at] Philadelphia, in May next, and that [said] the Delegates be chosen by joint ballot of both Houses, and that a bill be brought in to ascertain the powers of said Delegates. [Sent up by Mr Chesley.]

An act to impower [impowering] the Superior Court of Judicature [of this state] to hear and try any causes respecting or relating to the forfeitures of lands granted in the late province of New-Hampshire by the Supreme Executive power thereof, or that may hereafter be granted by this state for non-performance of the conditions of such grants to determine and give judgment therein, that such forfeiture is or is not incurred; and to judge and decree as a Court of chancery in certain of the causes aforesaid, was read a third time and passed to be enacted; Upon which there was handed in by a member a paper with the following words: "Upon the third reading
* of a bill appointing a Court of Escheats, I beg leave to * 13 : 258
enter my protest against said bill, because the same appears to be unconstitutional; as the subject has not a trial by jury as heretofore used and practised; and secondly, because it looks back and the subject is not tried by law which did exist at the time of performance or non-performance, and it thereby legalizes an unlawful act, and makes a lawful act unlawful; and also that by said act, the lawful and only lawful owners of lands may be precluded a trial. For the foregoing reasons I request the yeas and nays upon [the] said bill, and request the foregoing may be entered on the journals.

John Young.

Agreeably to said request the yeas and nays were called [taken], and were as follow: [viz.]

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Hon. Mr. Langdon.	Mr. Foster,	Mr. Means,	Mr. Gaskill,
Mr. Pickering,	Mr. Bradley,	Mr. Mann,	Mr. Works,
Mr. Sparhawk,	Mr. Emerson,	Mr. Preston,	Mr. [E.] Hale,
Mr. Robinson,	Mr. Welch,	Mr. Putnam,	Mr. Jenks,
Mr. M'Murphy.	Mr. Waldron,	Mr. Cragin,	Mr. Mack,

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Mr. Jenness,	Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Cunningham,	Mr. Holmes,
Mr. Leavitt,	Mr. S. Hale,	Mr. Hadley,	Mr. Ames,
Mr. Toppan,	Mr. Brackett,	Mr. Greeley,	Mr. Kendall,
Mr. Merrill,	Mr. Chesley,	Mr. Jackman,	Mr. Kimball,
Mr. Wheeler.	Mr. Dearborn,	Mr. A. Kingsbury,	Mr. Peters,
Mr. Eliott,	Mr. Page,	Mr. Stiles,	Mr. Tolford,
Mr. Gile,	Mr. Emerson,	Mr. Rendall,	Mr. Skinner.
Mr. Barnard.			

Nays.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Clark,	Mr. Mooney,	Mr. Young.

49 Yeas.—3 Nays.

So it passed in the affirmative.

[Sent up by Mr Hubbard & Mr Emerson.]

* 13 : 259 * The committee on the petition of the selectmen of Swanzy,[1] reported, That as there is a great difficulty respecting the assessment for the deficiency of beef in the town of Swanzey, the Treasurer be directed so far as respects said beef tax, to stay the extent against said town until the first Wednesday in [of] June next: Signed John M'Duffee, for the committee. Which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted, and that the Treasurer govern himself accordingly.

[Sent up by Mr Robinson.]

The committee on a vote of the General Court, of June 20th, 1783 respecting New-Durham Gore, reported, That the Treasurer ought to allow the said New-Durham Gore, in consequence of the vote of the General Court, of June 20th, 1783, twelve pounds, on their beef tax, and one pound, five shillings, for their rum tax: Signed John M'Duffee, for the committee. Which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted, and that the Treasurer govern himself accordingly. [Sent up by Mr Chesley.]

Voted, That the account of John Waldron, Esq. amounting to five pounds nineteen shillings and eight pence, be allowed and paid out of the Treasury by order of the President.

[Sent up by Mr Wheeler.]

Voted, That the account of Thomas Bartlett, Esq. amounting to sixteen pounds, nine shillings, be allowed and paid out of the Treasury by order of the President. [Sent up by Mr Chase.]

Voted, That Mr. M'Murphy, Mr. Robinson and Mr. Wiggin, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the account of Solomon Wheeler, Esq. and report thereon. [Sent up by Mr Wiggin.]

1. xiii. Ham. Town Papers, 528.

The committee on the petition of Abigail Hale, reported, That she have the depreciation of Col. Nathan Hale's *wa- * 13 : 260 ges, as other officers, to the time of his death, first deducting what sums he may have received from the State Commissary of prisoners, &c. They further reported, That she is entitled to seven years half-pay of a Colonel, by a resolution of Congress: Signed Amos Shephard, for the committee. Which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted, and that the committee on depreciation, and the paymaster of invalids govern [themselves accordingly.] [Sent up by Col° Hale.]

Voted, That the pay-roll of Captain Andrew Wiggin, amounting to twenty-six pounds, eighteen shillings, be allowed and paid out of the Treasury by order of the President. [Sent up by Col° Hale.]

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 1787.

The House met according to adjournment.

Upon reading and considering a petition from Peterborough-Slip, *Voted*, That the petitioners be heard thereon before the General Court on the Second Tuesday of their next session, and that in the mean time the petitioners cause that the selectmen of Jaffrey, also the selectmen of Peterborough, be served with a copy of the petition and order of Court thereon, that they may then appear and shew cause (if any they have) why the prayer thereof may not be granted. [Sent up by Mr Cragin.]

Voted, That his Excellency, the President, with advice of Council, be requested seasonably to issue a proclamation, appointing Thursday, the twelfth day of April next, a day of publick fasting throughout this state. [Sent up by Mr Cragin.]

Voted, That Mr. Pickering, Mr. Putnam, and Mr. Sparhawk, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to consider of the petition of Sarah Little, and report thereon. [Sent up by Mr Holmes.]

* The committee on the petition of Col. Jonathan Raw- * 13 : 261 son, reported, That the prayer of the petition be granted, and that he have leave to bring in a bill accordingly: Signed M. Thornton, for the committee. Which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted. [Sent up by Mr Cragin.]

The committee on the petition of the towns of Cornish, Plainfield, &c. reported, That the town of Lyme have expended one hundred and sixty eight pounds thirteen shillings and seven pence, more than

their proportion, when compared with some other towns: Signed Ephraim Robinson, John Waldron, Samuel Hale, Lemuel Holmes, Committee.— Which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted, and that the Treasurer credit the [said] town of Lyme, in any tax prior to the year 1784 (payable in certificates) said sum of one hundred and sixty-eight pounds, thirteen shillings and seven pence. [Sent up by Mr Wheeler.]

Voted, That the Treasurer be directed not to issue any extent for taxes due from Cornish, Plainfield, Orford, Piermont, Littleton, and Dalton, prior to the year 1784, until the next session of the General Court, as there is not time to adjust and settle the accounts exhibited by said towns against the state, this session.

[Sent up by Mr Kimball.]

The committee on the petition of Joseph Kimball, and similar matters, reported, That Nathan Fay, have an order on the Treasury for one pound, three shillings and ten pence, for the tax and charge on Simon Baxter's land, in Alstead, for 1780, he being an absentee: Signed John McDuffee, for the committee. Which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted.

[Sent up by Mr Kimball.]

* 13 : 262 * Upon hearing and considering the report of the committee to whom was referred the petition of Jonathan Rawson, in behalf of Seth Fogg and wife, *Resolved*, That the report of said committee be accepted, and that the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, be and they hereby are impowered to vacate and annul the judgment rendered at June term, 1785, in the action Seth Fogg and wife, against Thomas Drake and that they cast the interest upon the note declared on, render judgment at February term, as [if] of that term, and issue execution accordingly: any law, usage, or custom to the contrary notwithstanding. [Sent up by Mr Kimball.]

Upon reading and considering the petition of Lydia Wallingford, alias Cogswell, *Voted*, That the prayer thereof be granted, and that she be allowed half pay as the widows of officers who died in the land service, provided it can be ascertained that Congress will admit the same as a charge against the United States.

[Sent up by Mr Cragin.]

Adjourned to 3 o'clock, P. M.

Met accordingly.

The committee on the petition of the towns of Cornish, Plainfield, &c. reported, That they have examined the account of Lebanon, and find on an average with some other towns, they have expended two hundred and three pounds, eight shillings and ten pence more than their proportion, exclusive of the men they sent into Vermont:

Signed Ephraim Robinson, Samuel Hale, Lemuel Holmes, committee. Which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted, and that the Treasurer be directed to credit the said town of Lebanon the above sum in any taxes against said town prior to the year 1784. [Sent up by Mr Cragin.]

* *Voted*, That Mr. Chase, Mr. Preston and Mr. Toppan, * 13 : 263 with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to ascertain the amount of the debt of this state, also this state's proportion of the debts of the United States, both foreign and domestick, and report thereon as soon as may be.

[Sent up by Mr Works.]

The committee for draughting a letter to Congress, respecting the Continental Commissioner on accounts, reported a letter as on file: which report was read and considered, received and accepted.

[Sent up by Mr Works.]

Voted, That Joseph Smith Gilman, be allowed the sum of twenty-nine pounds, eight shillings, in full for his service in the State Committee's Office, and that the President give order on the Treasurer for said sum on said Gilman's making oath to said account.

[Sent up by Mr Emerson.]

The votes in favour of Lebanon, Lyme and Hanover, came down from the honourable Senate for the following amendment, "that the sum granted to each of said towns be in full of all demands [they have] against said [the] State," Which amendment was read and concurred. [Sent up by Mr Works.]

Resolved, That any two of the Delegates of this state to the Congress of the United States, be, and hereby are appointed and authorized as deputies from this state to meet such deputies as may be appointed and authorized by other states in the Union, to assemble in convention at Philadelphia on the second day of May next, and to join with them in divising and discussing all such alterations and further provisions as to render the federal Constitution adequate to the exigencies of the union, and in reporting such an act to the United States in Congress, as when agreed to by them and duly confirmed by the several states, will effectually provide for the same; but in case of the death of any of said deputies, or their declining * their appointments, the executive is hereby authorized to * 13 : 264 supply such vacancies, and the President is requested to transmit forthwith a copy of this resolve to the United States in Congress, and to the executive of each of the states in the union.

[Sent up by Mr Johnson.]

The foregoing resolve was returned [came down] from the [Honbl] Senate for the following amendment, "that the said Delegates shall

proceed to join the convention aforesaid in case Congress shall signify to them that they approve of the said convention as advantageous to the union, and not an infringement of the powers granted to Congress by the confederation. Which amendment was read and concurred. [Sent up by Mr Johnson.]

Voted, That the Treasurer be directed to send out each town's proportion of the foreign, [&] domestick, and state's debt, and that the selectmen of the several towns proportion the same to the inhabitants that they may avail themselves of the final settlements while they may be had at the present low rate. [Sent up by Mr Johnson.]

Upon a [the] third reading of a bill, intitled, an act to impower the several towns, districts and individuals, within this state, to pay their quotas of the state and federal debt, and entitle such as pay the same to a discharge therefrom. The yeas and nays were called for, and are as follow, [viz.]

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Mr. Leavitt,	Mr. Hale,	Mr. Jackman,	Mr. Jenks,
Mr. Shaw,	Mr. Chesley,	Mr. Works,	Mr. Kimball,
Mr. Barnard,	Mr. D. Emerson,	Mr. E. Hale,	Mr. Tolford,
Mr. Rollins,	Mr. Mann,	Mr. Chase,	Mr. Young.

Nays.	Nays.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Welch,	Mr. Mooney.	Mr. Cunningham,	Mr. Foster,
Mr. Waldron,	Mr. Ames,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Gile,
Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Dearborn,	Mr. Kingsbury,	Mr. Eliott,
Mr. Preston,	Mr. Page,	Mr. Gaskill,	Hon. Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Cragin,	Mr. Means,	Mr. Mack,	Mr. Pickering,
Mr. Greeley,	Mr. Putnam,	Mr. Kendall,	Mr. Sparhawk,
Mr. Hubbard,	Mr. Robinson,	Mr. Johnson,	Mr. Wiggin,
Mr. Rendall,	Mr. McMurphy,	Mr. Skinner,	Mr. Merrill,
Mr. Ashley,	Mr. Toppan,	Mr. Bradley,	Mr. Wheeler.

16 yeas.— 36 nays.

So it passed in the negative [was negatived].

* 13 : 265 * *Voted*, That his Excellency the President, with advice of Council, be desired to adjourn the General Court tomorrow at twelve o'clock (if the business be then completed) until the twenty-ninth day of May next, and that the General Court which is to meet in June next, meet at Concord. [Sent up by Mr Gill.]

Resolved, That the time for selling the excise the present year, shall be on or before the first day of March next, and that Christopher Toppan and Ephraim Robinson, Esquires, be and hereby are appointed a committee to sell the excise within the county of Rockingham; Ebenezer Thompson and John Rollins, Esquires, be and

hereby are appointed a committee for selling the excise in the county of Strafford; Robert Means and Daniel Emerson, Esquires, be and hereby are appointed a committee for selling the excise within the county of Hillsborough; that Enoch Hale and John Hubbard, Esquires, be and hereby are appointed a committee to sell the excise within the county of Cheshire; and that Charles Johnston and Absalom Peters, [Esqr] be and hereby appointed a committee to sell the excise within the county of Grafton the present year; and that the committees respectively advertise and sell the same excise for the most it will fetch, in like manner as it was last year.

[Sent up by Mr Toppan.]

Voted, That the Rev. Doctor Langdon, be desired to prepare to deliver an election sermon at Concord, in June next, but if it should so happen that he cannot attend at time and place, the Rev. Mr. Buckminster is desired to prepare for the above purpose, and that the President be desired to give information to the said Reverend gentlemen of the desire of the General Court. [Sent up by Mr Wiggin.]

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 1787.

The House met according to adjournment.

Voted, That the account of John Williams, amounting to nine pounds, fifteen shillings and eight pence, be allowed and paid out of the Treasury by order of the President.

[Sent up by Mr Wiggin.]

**Voted*, That the Reverend Doctor Haven, the Reverend Mr. Buckminster, and the Reverend Mr. Mansfield, have and receive out of the Treasury, three pounds each, for their services as Chaplains to the General Court the year past, and that the President give order accordingly. [Sent up by Mr Wiggin.] * 13 : 266

Voted, That the account of Daniel Humphreys, Esquire, amounting to four pounds twelve shillings [for draughting Bills], be allowed and paid out of the Treasury by order of the President.

[Sent up by Mr Hale.]

Voted, That the Treasurer be directed to receive orders drawn by the Board of Treasury on the Loan Officer, agreeably to the resolve of the fifth of January current, and keep the same in the Treasury till the prior orders are paid. [Sent up by Mr Hale.]

The vote of yesterday respecting proportioning to the several towns in this state their quota of the foreign, domestic, and state debt, came down from the honourable Senate for the following amendment, "that a copy of the proportion list, to and amongst the

inhabitants of the respective towns and districts, be lodged with the state Treasurer, and that upon any town, district or individual paying his or their proportion of either or all the debts aforesaid, he shall give him, her or them, a receipt therefor, which shall discharge such person, town or district from being afterwards taxed for or toward the principal or interest of the debt or debts so paid." Which amendment was read and concurred. [Sent up by Mr McMurphy.]

The [A] vote of the 5th instant respecting the staying for one year the execution recovered by Michael Wentworth and Martha his wife, against Lemuel Smith, came down from the honourable Senate for the following amendment, "that the execution be stayed until the last day of April next and no longer" Which amendment was read and concurred. [Sent up by Mr Sparhawk.]

* 13 : 267 *Voted*, That the account of Otis Baker, amounting * to six shillings, be allowed and paid out of the Treasury by order of the President. [Sent up by Mr Holmes.]

Voted, That the pay-roll of Captain Titus Salter, amounting to eighty-five pounds, be allowed and paid out of the Treasury by order of the President. [Sent up by Mr McMurphy.]

Upon reading and considering the petition of the inhabitants of Madbury, praying for liberty to send a representative to the General Court [in future]. *Voted*, That the prayer thereof be granted, and that they have leave to bring in a bill accordingly. [send a Representative to the General Court in future. Sent up by Mr Hale.]

Upon hearing and considering the petition of John Stevens, *Voted*, That the petitioner have a hearing before the justice in some future day, and that in the mean time the execution against him be stayed until he be heard before said justice, and that a resolve be brought in accordingly. [Sent up by Mr Cunningham.]

Voted, That the Treasurer be directed not to issue any extent against the excise master in the county of Rockingham, until the next session of the General Court. [Sent up by Mr Wiggin.]

The committee on the petition of Lois Johnson,[1] reported, That the petitioner is intitled to any sum that may appear due to her husband, from the time of his enlistment to the time of his death: Signed M. Thornton, for the committee. Which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted, and that the committee on claims ascertain and certify the sum due, and that the President give order accordingly. [Sent up by Mr Eliott.]

Whereas John Stevens of Newington, in the county of Rockingham, and state aforesaid, yeomen, was prevented by a violent storm from appearing and pleading to a certain plea of the case founded on

1. xiii. Ham. Town Papers, 662.

a groundless demand bro't by John Pickering, Jun'r, of said Newington, yeomen, before Mark Wiggin, [Esqr] on the 11th day of December, 1786 by which means the said Stevens was defaulted, judgment awarded and execution issued; wherefore the said Stevens prayed that he might be restored to his law, which appearing reasonable, therefore **Resolved*, That the said Stevens be * 13 : 268 and hereby is restored to his law, and that the said judgment and execution be, and hereby are vacated, and made void, and that the said justice may receive any plea exhibited by said John Stevens in answer to said suit, and upon reasonable notice given, in writing, by said justice to the plaintiff in said suit, of a day and time of trial, that said justice may proceed to hear and determine said cause in the same manner as if a plea had been given on the day of trial, and that either party grieved by said determination may have liberty to appeal to the next Inferior court, after trial; any law, usage or custom, to the contrary notwithstanding.

[Sent up by Mr Sparhawk.]

Voted, That the committee on the petitions of Cornish, Plainfield, &c. be directed to keep in their possession the accounts they have received from towns and individuals in this state, and that they continue to receive accounts from towns or individuals [in this state] until further order of the General Court. [Sent up by Mr Ames.]

The committee on the petition of the inhabitants at Middletown, reported, in part, That the President give order that the selectmen of Middletown draw the wages of Abraham Matthews, as made up in Captain Jacob Smith's roll, amounting to six pounds, four shillings, lawful money: Signed John McDuffee for the committee. Which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted. [Sent up by Mr Foster.]

The committee on the petition of Josiah Butler, reported, That the prayer thereof be granted, and that the Treasurer be directed to receive the money, reducing [it] by the scale of depreciation to the last of the year 1780: Signed Ebenezer Webster, for the committee. Which report being read and considered, *Voted*, That it be received and accepted, and that the Treasurer govern himself accordingly.

[Sent up by Mr Wiggin.]

Adjourned to 3 o'clock P. M. but a number sufficient for transacting business did not appear [in the afternoon.]

*The Secretary came down from the honourable Senate * 13 : 269 and gave information that he was directed by his Excellency the President, to inform, that the General Court is, by advice of Council, adjourned to the 29th day of May next, then to meet at Concord.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

A REGISTER OF RESOLUTIONS AND ADVICE OF COUNCIL.

BEGUN AT THE FIRST SESSION IN JUNE, 1786.

PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL.

REGISTER OF RESOLUTIONS AND ADVICE.

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*STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE. *1 B. N.: 1

At a Council holden at Concord June 13th 1786.
Present His Excellency John Sullivan Esq President.
The Hon. Joshua Wentworth, Amos Shepard and Christopher Toppan, Esquires —
Proceeded and nominated. —
Joseph Rounsevil for a Justice of the Peace for the County of Cheshire. —
Samuel Fowler of Boscawen for a Justice of the Peace for the County of Hillsborough.
Joseph Demerit } both of Northwood for Justices of the Peace for
Jonathan Clark } the County of Rockingham.
Henry Ingalls for a Justice of the Peace for the County of Cheshire. —
Nathaniel Rogers of Orford for a Coroner for the County of Grafton. —
John Colburn Jur of Lebanon for a Coroner for the County of Grafton. —
Daniel Ashley for a 2d Majr of 6th Regt Militia.
To which nominations we did advise & consent. —

Josha Wentworth.
Christor Toppan.
Amos Shephard.

* At a Council holden at Concord June 14th 1786. * 1 B. N.: 2
Present His Excellency John Sullivan Esq. President.
The Hon. John Wentworth Amos Shepard, Christor Toppan and Moses Dow Esquires

Proceeded and nominated,

George Williamson Livermore for a Justice of the Peace for the County of Grafton. —

Benjamin Bellows Esq first Major General

Joseph Cilley Esq for second Major General.

Isaac Temple of Alstead for a Coronor for the County of Cheshire.

Abraham Burnham of Rumney for a Coroner for the County of Grafton. —

Alexander Craige of Rumney for a Justice of the Peace for the County of Grafton.

John Fairfield of Lime for a Coroner for the County of Grafton.

Benjamin West Esq: for Attorney General

Oliver Whipple: for d°

John Prentiss Esq; for d°

Daniel Humphreys of Portsmouth for a Notary Public in this State. —

Uriah Stone for 2d Major of 13th Regiment.

* 1 B. N.: 3 * Edmund Freeman for Lt Col. of 24th Regiment.

Samuel Jones for Major of 24th d°

Nathaniel Wheatly } one of whom for 2d Maj. of 24th Reg. left for
Walter Fairfield } consideration June 5 1787.

Consented to by Josha Wentworth.
Christor Toppan.
Moses Dow.
Amos Shephard.

At a Council holden at Concord June 15th 1786.

Present, His Excellency John Sullivan Esq President

The Hon. Joshua Wentworth, Amos Shepard, Christor Toppan, & Moses Dow Esq —

Proceeded and nominated —

The Hon. John Langdon Esq. for a Justice of the Peace & of the Quorum throughout the State.

John Goss } one of whom to be 2d Majr of 5th Reg.
William Barron }

Consented to by Josha Wentworth.
Christor Toppan.
Moses Dow.
Amos Shepard

* 1 B. N.: 4 * At a Council holden at Concord June 17th 1786.

Present, His Excellency John Sullivan Esq, President.

The Hon. Josha Wentworth, Amos Shepard and Moses Dow Esquires.

Nominated —

John Morrison of Windham for a Coroner for the C^ty of Rockingham.

Doct^r John Currier of Warner for a Justice of the Peace for the County of Hillsborough. —

Maj^r Samuel McConnel of Pembroke for a Coroner for the County of Rockingham —

Col. Joseph Welch of Plastow for a Justice of the Peace for the County of Rockingham.

Samuel Worcester of Wentworth for a Coroner for the County of Grafton. —

Consented to by Josh^a Wentworth
Moses Dow
Amos Shephard.

At a Council holden at Concord June 22^d 1786

Present His Excellency John Sullivan Esq President

The Hon. Joshua Wentworth, Christo^r Toppan, Amos Shepard, Robert Means, Moses Dow Esquires.

Nominated the following persons to the respective
* Offices hereafter mentioned viz — * 1 B. N. : 5
John Weeks of Greenland for a Coroner for the County of Rockingham. —

Benjamin Wadley of Sutton for a Justice of the Peace for the County of Hillsborough. —

Ebenezer Hunting of New London for a Coroner for the County of Hillsborough.

Consented to by us Josh^a Wentworth.
Christo^r Toppan
Moses Dow
Robert Means
Amos Shephard.

At a Council holden at Concord June 23^d 1786.

Present, His Excellency John Sullivan Esq President

The Hon. Joshua Wentworth, Christo^r Toppan, Robert Means, Amos Shepard & Moses Dow Esquires

Proceeded & nominated —

Samuel Heywood for a Coroner for the County of Hillsbor^o

Timothy Gibson of Henniker for a Justice of the Peace for the County of Hillsborough. —

Samuel Bradford of Hillsbor^o for a Coroner for the County of Hillsborough.

* Samuel Hale Esq for a special Justice of the Supe- * 1 B. N. : 6

rior Court in the County of Rockingham in certain Causes to be mentioned in the Commission —

Daniel Ringe Esq for d°
Samuel Brooks Esq for d°
Doct^r Ammi R. Cutter for d°
Col. Jonathan Chase } one of whom for Brig^dr Genl
Col. Reuben Alexander }
Col. Theo^s Dame }
Col. Eben^r Smith } one of whom for Brigd^r Genl.
Col. Thos Bartlett }
Lt Col. Moses Baker for Col. of 14th Regiment.
Alex^dr Craige for Lt Col. of 14th Reg^t
Capt Benj^a Gould for Maj^r of d°
Capt Michael Dwyer for 2^d Maj. of d°

To which Nominations we do advise and consent.

Josh^a Wentworth
Christo^r Toppan
Moses Dow
Robert Means.
Amos Shephard

* 1 B. N.: 7 *At a Council holden at Concord June 24th 1786.

Present; His Excellency John Sullivan Esquire The Hon. Joshua Wentworth, Robert Means, Amos Shepard Moses Dow & Christo^r Toppan Esq^rs

Nominated —

John Fabyan of Newington for a Coroner for the County of Rockingham.—

John McDuffee } Esq^rs for Special Justices of the Superior Court in the County of Strafford in certain Causes to be mentioned in Coms^n
Joshua Wingate
Ebenezer Thompson
Caleb Hodgdon

Joseph Symonds } for Special Justices of the Superior Court in the County of Hillsbor° in certain causes to be mentioned in Coms^n.
Joshua Bayley
John Shepard
Cyrus Baldwin Esq^rs

Calvin Frink } For Special Justices of the Superior Court in the County of Cheshire in certain causes to be mentioned in Commission.
John Bellows
John Hubbard
Sanford Kingsbury Esq^rs

Moses Baker } For Special Justices of the Superior Court in the County of Grafton in certain causes to be mentioned in Coms^n
Joseph Senter
Elisha Payne, &
Joseph Hutchins Esq^rs

* Revd Wellman for a Justice of the Peace for the * 1 B. N. : 8
County of Cheshire —

Consented to by Josh^a Wentworth.
Christo^r Toppan
Moses Dow
Robert Means
Amos Shephard.

At a Council holden at Exeter July 7th 1786.
Present His Excellency John Sullivan Esq. President
The Hon. Joshua Wentworth Christo^r Toppan, and Robert Means Esq^rs — proceeded and Nominated Philip Towle of Hampton for a Coroner for the County of Rockingham.

Consented to by Josh^a Wentworth
Christo^r Toppan
Robt Means

At a Council holden at Exeter July 8th 1786
Present as yesterday.
Nominated William McQueston for a Justice of the Peace for the County of Hillsbor^o— By us Josh^a Wentworth
Christo^r Toppan
Robt Means.

*At a Council holden at Exeter Sept 13th 1786. * 1 B. N. : 9
Present His Excellency John Sullivan Esqr President
The Hon. Joshua Wentworth, Robert Means, Amos Shepard & Moses Dow Esquires.
Proceeded & nominated
Asa Pattee for second Major of 24th Regiment militia,

Consented to by Josh^a Wentworth
Moses Dow
Robert Means
Amos Shephard.

At a Council holden at Exeter Sept 14th 1786 —
Present His Excellency John Sullivan Esq President The Hon. Joshua Wentworth, Christo^r Toppan, Robert Means, Amos Shepard & Moses Dow Esq^rs
The following persons were nominated, one of whom to be Captain of the Fort William & Mary, vizt Captn Titus Salter, Captn William Morris, Capt John Gardner, & Mr George Frost,
* Also Capt. Job Haskell of Pitsfield for a Coroner* 1 B. N. : 10
for the County of Rockingham.—
Doct^r Abraham Holland of Walpole for a Justice of the peace for the County of Cheshire.—

Deac^{n} James Hosley of Hancock for a Justice of the Peace for the County of Hillsbor^{o}.—

James Smith, Eliph^{t} Smith & Wentworth Cheswell, one of whom for a Just^{ce} Peace for the County of Strafford —

Elijah Ring of Chichester, for a Justice of the Peace for the County of Rockingham.

Azariah Webb for Col. of 13th Reg^{t} in the room of Joshua Howard who has resignd.

Obadiah Clements for Lt Col. of 13th Reg^{t}

Uriah Stone for Major of 13th Reg^{t}

Joshua Young for second Major of 13th Reg^{t}

Samuel Ashley Junr for Col. of 15th Reg^{t} in the room of Jonathan Chase promoted.—

Moses Whipple for Lt Col. of 15th Reg^{t}

Joseph Kimbal for Maj^{r} of 15th Reg^{t}

Diah Spaulding for 2^{d} Maj^{r} of 15th Reg^{t}

Michael McClary for Col. of 18th Reg^{t} in the room of Thomas Bartlett promoted.

Joseph March for Lt Col. of 18th Reg^{t}.

* 1 B. N. : 11 Joseph Harvey for Maj^{r} of 18th Reg^{t}.

Henry Butler for 2^{d} Maj^{r} of 18th Reg^{t}.

Avery Hall of Wakefield for a Justice of the peace for the County of Strafford.

Aaron Hutchinson of Lebanon for a Justice of the peace for the County of Grafton.—

Consented to by us Josh^{a} Wentworth
Christo^{r} Toppan
Moses Dow
Robt Means
Amos Shephard.

At a Council holden at Exeter 15th Sept 1786.

Present His Excellency John Sullivan Esq President The Hon. Joshua Wentworth, Christ^{o} Toppan, Robert Means, Amos Shepard & Moses Dow Esq^{rs}

Proceeded and nominated,

John Orr of Bedford } for Justices of the Peace for the
Simeon Cummings of Merm^{c} } County of Hillsbor^{o}

Capt Oliver Holmes of Francestown for a Justice of the Peace for the County of Hillsborough.

Consented to by Josh^{a} Wentworth
Christo^{r} Toppan
Moses Dow
Amos Shephard.
Robt Means.

*At a Council holden at Exeter 16 Sept 1786 * 1 B. N. : 12
Present His Excellency John Sullivan Esq. President
The Hon. Joshua Wentworth, Christo^r Toppan, Robert Means, Amos Shepard & Moses Dow Esq^rs

Nominated Col. Nathan Hoit for a Justice of the Peace Strafford. Robert McGregore for a Col. of 9th Reg^t Militia, Capt. —— Fifield Esq for Lt Col. of d^o

John Dunlap } one of whom for 1st & the other for 2^d Major —
Oliver Holmes }

Henry Prescott } one of whom for a Justice of the Peace for the
George Frost } C^ty of Rockingham.

John Dutton of Hillsborough for a Coroner for the County of Hillsbor^o.—

Consented to by Josh^a Wentworth
Christo^r Toppan
Amos Shepard
Robt Means

At a Council holden at Exeter Sept. 19th 1786
Present His Excellency John Sullivan Esq. Presid^t The Hon Joshua Wentworth Christ^o Toppan, Robert Means, Amos Shepard & Moses Dow Esq^rs

Proceeded & nominated,

Simeon Dearborn of Wakefield for a Justice & of the Quorum for the County of Strafford.

* Aaron Wingate of Rochester for a Justice of the * 1 B. N. : 13
Peace for the County of Strafford.

James Gibson of Pelham } one of whom for a Justice of the
Tim^o Ladd of Salem & } Quorum for the C^ty of Rockingham.
James Betton of Windham }

Consented to by Josh^a Wentworth
Christo^r Toppan
Robert Means
Amos Shepard
Moses Dow.

At a Council holden at Exeter Sept 25 — 1786.
Present His Excellency John Sullivan Esq. President.
The Hon : Joshua Wentworth Chris^to Toppan & Moses Dow Esq^rs

Nominated Joshua Atherton of Amherst for a Justice of the Peace for the County of Hillsbor^o

Josh^a Wentworth
Christo^r Toppan
Moses Dow

* At a Council holden a Portsmouth Dec 22^d 1786. * 1 B. N. : 14
Present His Excellency John Sullivan Esq President.

The Hon. Joshua Wentworth, Christ° Toppan, Amos Shepard & Robert Means Esq^rs —

Proceeded and nominated.

Capt Robert Sevor of Raby for a Coroner Hillsborough.

Obadiah Mooney of Canterbury, for a Cor^r Rockingham.

Capt Israel Town of Stoddard for a Justice of P^ce Cheshire

Capt John Brewster of Rochester for a Cor^nr Strafford.

Joseph Gilman Esq. of Exeter for a Justice of the Peace & of the Quorum for the County of Rockingham.

Col. Aaron Kinsman of Concord for a Justice Rockingham.

Advised to by Josh^a Wentworth
Amos Shepard
Christo^r Toppan
Robt Means

At a Council holden at Portsmouth Dec 23^d 1786

Present His Excellency John Sullivan Esq. President.

The Hon. Joshua Wentworth, Christ° Toppan Amos Shepard & Robert Means Esq^rs —

Nominated Jonathan Dow of Gilmantown for a Coroner for the County of Strafford

Eli Wilkins of Amherst for a Justice of the Peace Hillsbor°

To which Nominations we do advise Josh^a Wentworth
Amos Shepard
Christo^r Toppan
Robt Means

* 1 B. N. : 15 *At a Council holden at Portsmouth Dec 29th 1786

Present His Excellency John Sullivan Esq President

Hon. Joshua Wentworth, Christ^or Toppan, Robert Means & Amos Shepard Esq^rs

Proceeded and nominated, Joseph Parsons for Maj. of the 1 Reg^t of Militia Capt George Hart for 2^d Maj^r of 1. Reg^t Militia.

Maj^r Jon^a Cass for Major
Capt David McGregore
} one of whom to command the 260 men to be raised agreeably to a Resolve of Congress.

Capt Saml Cherry
Capt William Morris
Capt Josiah Munroe
Col. Jon^a Rawson
Lt Daniel Gookin
} Four of whom for Captains of d°

Ebenezer Odell for Lt.

Advised to by Josh^a Wentworth
Amos Shepard
Christ° Toppan
Robt Means

Then proceeded & nominated.
Timothy Johnson for Surgeon
Joseph Cogswell for Surgeons Mate
Hugh Orr of Hancock for a Coroner for C^{ty} of Hillsbor^{o}

Advised to by Josh^{a} Wentworth
Amos Shepard
Christo^{r} Toppan
Robert Means

* At a Council holden at Portsmouth Jany 4th 1787 * 1 . B N. : 16
Present His Excellency John Sullivan, Esq. Presid^{t}
Hon. Joshua Wentworth, Christo^{r} Toppan, Amos Shepard, & Robert Means Esq^{rs}
Proceeded and nominated.

Neal McGaffey
Robert B. Wilkins
Ebenezer Brewer
Isaac Griswall
Joseph Boynton
Charles Clapham
} for Lieutenants or Ensigns.

Jon^{a} Cilley for Capt. or L^{t}.
John Adams for L^{t}. or Ens^{n}

Richd Coughlin
Saml Britton
} for L^{t} or Ens^{n}

Moses Leavit Neal for L^{t} or Ens^{n}

Joseph S. Gilman
Nathl Parker
} for Ens^{n}

Doct^{r} Willm Parker for Surgeon.
John Fogg for Surgeons Mate.
John Haven Esq. of Wakefield for a Justice of the Peace for the C^{ty} of Strafford.
Jon^{a} Johnson of Sutton for a Coron^{r} in ye C^{ty} of Hillsbor^{o}.
David Sterritt of Francestown for a Just. Peace for the County of Hillsborough.
Dudley Chase of Cornish for a Just. Peace for the County of Cheshire. —
John Bellows of Walpole for a Justice of the Peace and of the Quorum for the County of Cheshire.

Advised to by Josh^{a} Wentworth.
Amos Shepard.
Christo^{r} Toppan.
Robt Means.

* 1 B. N : 17 * At a Council holden at Portsmouth, Jany 11th 1787.
Present His Excellency John Sullivan Esq. President.
The Hon. Joshua Wentworth, Christopher Toppan, Amos Shepard & Robert Means Esquires.
Proceeded and nominated.
Paul Ayer of Chesterfield for a Coron^{r} C^{ty} of Cheshire.
Robert Duncan of Concord for a subaltern in the Continental Troops. Advised by Josh^{a} Wentworth
Amos Shepard
Christo^{r} Toppan
Robert Means.

At a Council holden at Portsm^{o} Jany 13th, 1787. —
Present His Excellency John Sullivan Esq Presid^{t}.
The Hon. Joshua Wentworth, Christopher Toppan Amos Shepard & Robert Means Esq^{rs}
Nominated
Devenport Phelps for Col.
William Page for Lt Col } 3^{d} Reg^{t} of Light Horse.
Aaron Ames — for Maj^{r}
Col. Edmund Freeman for a Just. Peace for the C^{ty} of Grafton.
Peter Green Esq. for Col. 2^{d} Reg^{t} Light Horse.
Robert Means Esq. for Lt Col. d^{o} —
Capt. Wm Duncan for Maj^{r} of d^{o}
Michael Wentworth Esq. for Captn of Independ^{t} Co. of Light Horse. —
Nicholas Gilman Esq. for Adj^{t} General.
Advised to by Josh^{a} Wentworth
Amos Shepard
Christo^{r} Toppan.

* 1 B. N. : 18 * At a Council holden at Portsm^{o} Jany 15th, 1787.
Present His Excellency John Sullivan Esq Presid^{t}.
The Hon. Joshua Wentworth, Christ^{o} Toppan Amos Shepard & Robert Means Esq^{rs} —
Proceeded and nominated.
Hall Jackson as first Lieut^{nt}
James Sheafe sec^{d} Lieut. } of an Independent of Light Horse in Portsmouth.
Clement Storer Cornet or L^{t}
John Sheafe Q^{tr} Master or Com^{t}
Jon^{a} Rawson
Joseph Peirce
Wm King } One of whom for a Register of Probate for the County of Strafford.
Eben^{r} Smith
Amos Cogswell

Jon^{a} Smith, of Surry for Lt Col. of the 21 Reg^{t} in the room of Joseph Burt, resignd.

Eben^{r} Britton of Westmorland for Maj^{r} of d^{o} in the room of Maj^{r} Smith advanced.

Advised by Josh^{a} Wentworth.
Christo^{r} Toppan.
Amos Shepard.
Robert Means.

At a Council holden at Portsm^{o} Jany 18th 1787.

Present His Excellency John Sullivan Esq. Presid^{t}.

The Hon. Joshua Wentworth Christ^{o} Toppan Amos Shepard & Robert Means Esq^{rs} —

proceeded & nominated.

Andrew McClary
George W. Livermore } for Ensigns Troops to be raised
John Neal Junr

Weare Drake of Effingham for Justice of the peace for the County of Strafford.

* Ebenezer French of South Hampton for a Cor- * 1 B. N. : 19
oner for the County of Rockingham. —

Benjn Haskill for 2^{d} Maj^{r} of 21st Reg^{t}.

L Col Jon^{a} Wentworth for Col of 2^{d} Reg^{t} in the room of Col Dame resignd

Maj David Place for Lt Col of d^{o} in the room of Jon^{a} Wentworth advanced

Maj^{r} Samuel Hale for Maj^{r} of d^{o} in the room of David Place advanced. —

Advised by Josh^{a} Wentworth
Christo^{r} Toppan
Amos Shepard.
Robert Means.

At a Council holden at Portsmouth 23^{d} Jany 1787.

Present His Excellency John Sullivan Esq President The Hon Joshua Wentworth Christopher Toppan & Amos Shepard Esq^{rs} —

Nominated —

Nathl Cooper of Dover for a Register of Probate for the County of Strafford. —

Nathl Kidder of Newmarket for a Justice of the Peace for the County of Rockingham.

advised to by Josh^{a} Wentworth
Amos Shepard
Christo^{r} Toppan.

*At a Council holden at Portsmouth Feby 27–1787. * 1 B. N. : 20

Present His Excellency John Sullivan Esq Presid^{t}

The Hon Joshua Wentworth Christ° Toppan and Robert Means Esquires —

Proceeded and nominated

John Dennet for Col. of the first Reg^t of Militia.

Joshua Merrow for second Major of the 2^d Reg^t

John Harvey for Lt Col of the 18th Reg^t in the room of Lt Col Joseph March resignd

Henry Butler for Maj^r of d° in the room of John Harvey advanced.

Moses Chase for 2^d Maj^r of d°

John Burnam Hanson for a Justice of the Peace for the County of Strafford.—

Captn Thomas Shannon for a Register of Probate for the County of Strafford.

Lt Charles Glidden, Archelaus Miles, Reuben Whittier, } of Northfield one of whom for a Justice of the Peace — Rockingham —

Maj^r Joseph Parsons for Lt Col of 1st Reg^t

Captn Eph^m Pickering for Maj^r of d°.

Capt Samuel Langdon for 2^d Maj^r of d° —

Advised by Josh^a Wentworth
Christo^r Toppan
Robt Means —

At a Council holden at Portsmouth Feby 28th 1787 —

Present His Excellency John Sullivan Esq President The Hon Joshua Wentworth Christopher Toppan & Robert Means Esquires. –

Proceeded and nominated —

Samuel Chamberlain Junr Loudon for a Jus^tc for Rockingham.

Josh^a Wentworth
Christo^r Toppan
Robt Means. —

* 1 B. N. : 21 *At a Council holden at Exeter May 22^d–1787 —

Present His Excellency John Sullivan Esq Presid^t The Hon. Christ° Toppan Robert Means & Amos Shepard Esq^rs —

Proceeded & nominated.

John Prentice Esqr for Attorney General —

Nehemiah Rand of Lyndsbor° for a Justice of the Peace for the County of Hillsborough.

Adjourn^d 'till To-morrow, 9, °'Clock, A. M.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23d, 1787.

Present as yesterday —
proceeded and nominated.

Silas Mack of Marlow for a Justice of the Peace for the County of Cheshire — Advised to by Christor Toppan
Amos Shepard
Robt Means. —

* 2 P. & C. 2

* STATE OF NEW HAMPr } At a Council holden at Concord June 13. 1786

Present His Excellency John Sullivan Esqr President The Hon. Joshua Wentworth, Amos Shepard and Christopher Toppan Esqrs.

His Excellency the President requested the advice of Council relative to his drawing Orders on the Treasurer.

Whereupon the Council advised His Excellency to issue his Orders on the Treasurer agreeably to all Acts, Resolves & Votes that have heretofore been passed or shall be passed by the Legislature of said State authorizing the same during the present Session of the General Court. Advised by Josha Wentworth
Christor Toppan
Amos Shepard.

At a Council holden at Concord June 22d 1786

Present His Excellency John Sullivan Esqr President The Hon. Joshua Wentworth, Christopher Toppan, Amos Shepard, Robert Means and Moses Dow Esquires.

*Appointed the following persons to the respective * Offices hereafter mentioned, having been nominated agreeably to Constitution viz * 2 P. & C. : 3

Joseph Rounsevil of Washington Esq a Justice of the Peace for the County of Cheshire.

Samuel Fowler Esq of Boscawen a Justice of the Peace for the County of Hillsborough.

Joseph Demerit } of Northwood Esqrs Justices of the Peace for the
Jonathan Clark } County of Rockingham.

Henry Ingalls Esqr a Justice of the Peace for the County of Cheshire.

Nathaniel Rogers of Orford Esq a Coroner for the County of Grafton.

John Colburn Junr of Lebanon a Coroner for the County of Grafton.

Daniel Ashly Esq second Major of the 16th Regiment of Militia
George Williamson Livermore Esq a Justice of the Peace for the County of Grafton.
Benjamin Bellows Esqr first Major General
Joseph Cilley Esqr second Major General
Isaac Temple of Alstead a coroner for the County of Cheshire.
Abraham Burnham of Rumney Esq a Coroner for the County of Grafton.
* 2 P. & C. : 4 *Alexander Craige of Rumney Esqr a Justice of the Peace for the County of Grafton.
John Fairfield Esq of Lime a Coroner for the County of Grafton.
Benjamin West Esqr Attorney General
Daniel Humphreys Esqr a Notary Public in this State.
Uriah Stone 2d Majr of 13th Regiment of Militia.
Edmund Freeman Esqr Lt Col of 24th Regt of Militia.
Samuel Jones Esq Major of the 24th Regt Militia
To which Appointments We do advise & consent.

Josha Wentworth.
Christor Toppan
Moses Dow
Robt Means
Amos Shephard.

At a Council holden at Concord June 23d 1786
Present His Excellency John Sullivan Esq President The Hon Joshua Wentworth, Amos Shepard, Christopher Toppan, Robert Means & Moses Dow Esqrs
His Excellency the President requested the advice of Council, relative to granting Commissions to Adjutants Quartermasters & Brigade Majors. Upon which His Excellency was advised to grant Commissions to said Adjutants Quarter Masters & Brigade Majors.

By us Amos Shephard
Robert Means
Moses Dow.

* 2 P. & C. : 5 *Appointed The Hon John Langdon Esq a Justice of the Peace and of the Quorum throughout the State.

Advised & consented to by Josha Wentworth
Christor Toppan
Moses Dow
Robert Means
Amos Shephard.

At a Council holden at Concord June 24th 1786
Present His Excellency John Sullivan Esqr President. The Hon. Joshua Wentworth, Robert Means, Amos Shepard, Moses Dow & Christopher Toppan Esqrs

The following Persons having been nominated more than seven days, proceeded to appoint John Morrison Esq of Windham a Coronor for the County of Rockingham.

Samuel M^c^Connel Esq of Pembroke a Coronor for the County of Rockingham.

Joseph Welch Esq of Plastow a Justice of the Peace for the County of Rockingham.

Advised by — Josh^a^ Wentworth.
Christo^r^ Toppan.
Robt Means.
Amos Shephard.
Moses Dow.

*At a Council holden at Exeter July 6th 1786 * 2 P. & C. : 6

Present His Excellency John Sullivan Esq President The Hon. Joshua Wentworth, Christopher Toppan and Robert Means Esq^rs^.

And took into Consideration a Resolve of Court of 27th of June 1786 relative to final Settlement Securities &c and adjourned to 7 oClock tomorrow morn^g^.

At a Council holden at Exeter July 7th 1786.

Met according to adjournment.

Present His Excellency John Sullivan Esq President The Hon. Joshua Wentworth, Christo^r^ Toppan and Robert Means Esq^rs^

The Council advised, that Jeremiah Libbey Esq be requested to superintend the Post Office and Post-Riders established by virtue of a Resolve of the General Court of the 19th of June last, and that he continue to direct the same until the next Session of the General Court.

That Mr Samuel Dearborn be appointed Rider on the Northern Rout and is to give bond for his faithful performance of the Trust, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives for the time being, and upon said Dearborns lodging such bond with Mr Libbey and taking the Oath of Office, he is to furnish him with the necessary directions & instructions for the regulation of his Conduct as Post-Rider.

*The Council further advise that Mr Saml Bean be * 2 P. & C. : 7 continued to perform as Post-rider on the western Rout, until the next Session of the General Court and that Mr Libbey give him the necessary Instructions for regulating his Conduct ; and that he furnish Samuel Dearborn with an Order for ten pounds and take a receipt for the same — And that he take a Receipt from Mr Bean for the twenty pounds paid him by Order in June last, if not already done.

Advised to by us. Josh^a^ Wentworth
Christo^r^ Toppan
Robert Means.

The Council advise His Excellency the President to request the Treasurer to employ some person to repair to Boston as soon as convenient and procure from the Loan Officer there, the proper Checks and Records for enabling him to determine whether the final Settlement Securities brought to his Office are genuine or counterfeit.

Advised by — Josh[a] Wentworth
Christo[r] Toppan
Robert Means.

* 2 P. & C. : 8 *The Council advise His Excellency that a letter be wrote to Major Amos Morrill, Regimental Agent for this State, to prepare his amount of Services in that Department and lay the same before the General Court for examination and allowance at their next Session on the first Wednesday of September next, and that he at the same time, deposit with the Supreme Executive of this State, the Certificates which remain in his hands agreeably to the Resolves of Congress of the 3[d] of November 1783 and the 29th of May 1785

Advised by — Josh[a] Wentworth
Christo[r] Toppan
Robert Means.

At a Council holden at Exeter on July 7th 1786

Present His Excellency John Sullivan Esq[r] President The Hon. Joshua Wentworth, Christopher Toppan and Robert Means Esq[rs].

The following persons, having been nominated more * 2 P. & C. : 9 than seven days proceeded and * appointed,

Samuel Heyward Esq a Coroner for the County of Hillsborough.

Timothy Gibson Esq of Henniker a Justice of the Peace for the County of Hillsborough.

Moses Baker Col. of the 14th Reg[t] of Militia.

Alexander Craige Lieut Col. of D°.

Benjamin Gould Major of D°.

Michael Dwyer second Major of D°. not to be coms[nd]

John Fabyan Esq. of Newington a Coroner for the County of Rockingham.

Advised to by — Josh[a] Wentworth
Christo[r] Toppan
Robert Means.

Adjourned 'till to-morrow.

SATURDAY, JULY 8th 1786 —

Met — Present as yesterday.

Upon reading and considering a letter from the Commissary General.

The Council advise, that His Excellency the President give directions to the Commissary General, to repair and put in Order the brass Field Pieces belonging to the State, and
* deliver the same when repaired with their Appara- * 2 P. & C. : 10
tus into the hands of the Colonel of Artillery taking a
Receipt therefor :

Also that he direct the Commissary General, to collect all the public Arms and Accoutrements within this State into proper Magazines and have the same put in proper order, keeping an exact Account of the number and quantity and the persons and places from which the same may be received.

And also that he request the Commissary General, to collect all the public Ammunition, Military Stores and Munitions of War, into the proper Magazines, and that he be particularly careful to keep Accounts of the places from whence, and the persons from whom received, and that the Commissary General be directed to use the proper means to prevent the Powder in the Magazines from being damaged — Advised by Josh[a] Wentworth.
Christo[r] Toppan
Robert Means.

*At a Council holden at Exeter Sept. 13th 1786 * 2 P. & C. 11
Present His Excellency John Sullivan Esq President The Hon. Joshua Wentworth, Robert Means, Amos Shepard and Moses Dow Esquires.

His Excellency the President laid before the Hon. Council a letter from the Board of Treasury and a letter from the Hon[ble] S. Livermore Esquire. Also several Depositions &c.

And then proceeded and appointed

Samuel Worcester Esq. of Wentworth a Coroner for the County of Grafton.

John Weeks Esq of Greenland a Coroner for the County of Rockingham.

*Jonathan Chase Esq. a Brigadier General. * 2 P. & C. : 12

Thomas Bartlett Esq a Brigadier General.

Philip Towle Esq of Hampton a Coroner for the County of Rockingham.

William M[c]Question of Litchfield Esq a Justice of the Peace for the County of Hillsborough. By us Josh[a] Wentworth
Moses Dow
Robert Means
Amos Shephard.

At a Council holden at Exeter 14th Sept 1786
Present His Excellency John Sullivan Esq President The Hon.

Joshua Wentworth, Christo^{r} Toppan, Robert Means, Amos Shepard & Moses Dow Esq^{rs}

Appointed — John Goss Esq 2^{d} Major of 5th Regiment —

Advised by Josh^{a} Wentworth
Christo^{r} Toppan
Moses Dow
Robert Means
Amos Shephard.

* 2 P. & C. : 13 *At a Council holden at Exeter Sept 19th 1786

Present His Excellency John Sullivan Esq Presid^{t} The Hon. Joshua Wentworth, Christo^{r} Toppan Robert Means & Moses Dow Esq^{rs}

Proceeded and appointed

Samuel Brooks Esq & Ammi R. Cutter Esq } Special Justices of the Superior Court in the County of Rockingham in certain Causes to be mentioned in their Commissions.

Benjamin Wadley Esq of Sutton a Justice of the County of Hillsborough.

Ebenezer Hunting Esq of New London a Coroner for the County of Hillsborough

Advised to by us Josh^{a} Wentworth
Christo^{r} Toppan
Robt Means
Amos Shephard
Moses Dow.

* 2 P. & C. : 14 *At a Council holden at Exeter Sept 25th 1786.

Present His Excellency John Sullivan Esqr President The Hon. Joshua Wentworth, Christ^{or} Toppan and Moses Dow Esq^{rs}

Appointed the persons hereafter named, having been nominated seven days or more, to the respective offices Civil & Military as herein set down viz:

Titus Salter Captn of the Fort William & Mary

Job Haskell of Pitsfield a Coroner for the County of Rockingham.

Deac^{n} James Hosley of Hancock for a Justice of the Peace for the County of Hillsborough.

Azariah Webb Esq Col.
Obadiah Clements L Col
Uriah Stone Maj^{r}
Joshua Young Esq 2 Maj } of 13th Reg^{t} Militia

Samuel Ashley Junr Esq Col of 15th Reg^{t} Militia — Clairmont.

Moses Whipple Esq Lt Col of Do — Croydon.

Joseph Kimball. Maj of do — Plainfield

Diah Spaulding 2^{d} Maj of do — Cornish.

Michael McClary Esq Col 18th Reg^{t}.

Joseph March Esq Lt Col of 18th Reg^{t}

Joseph Harvey Maj^{r} of 18th Reg^{t}
Henry Butler, 2^{d} Maj^{r} of 18 Reg^{t}.

Avery Hall of Wakefield Esq a Justice of the Peace for the County of Strafford.

Aaron Hutchinson of Lebanon Esq a Justice of the Peace for the County of Grafton.

*John Orr of Bedford & Simeon Cummings of Merrimac } Esq^{rs} Justices of the Peace for the County of Hillsborough. * 2 P. & C. : 15

Capt Nathan Hoit Esq of Moultonb^{o} a Justice of the Peace for the County of Strafford.

George Frost Esq of New Castle a Justice of the Peace for the County of Rockingham

John Dutton Esq of Hillsbor^{o} a Coroner for the County of Hillsbor^{o}.

Consented to by Josh^{a} Wentworth
Christo^{r} Toppan
Moses Dow.

His Excellency requested the Advice of Council relative to drawing Orders on the Treasurer.

Whereupon the Council advise His Excellency to issue his Orders on the Treasurer agreeably to all Acts, Resolves & votes that have been passed by the Legislature of this State.

Advised Josh^{a} Wentworth
Christo^{r} Toppan
Moses Dow.

At a Council holden at Exeter Sept 26th 1786

Present His Excellency John Sullivan Esq Presid^{t} The Hon. Joshua Wentworth Christ^{or} Toppan, & Moses Dow Esq^{rs}

Appointed

Simeon Dearborn of Wakefield Esq a Justice of the Peace and of the Quorum for the County of Strafford.

*Aaron Wingate of Rochester a Justice of the Peace for the County of Strafford. * 2 P.& C. : 16

Advise to by us Josh^{a} Wentworth
Christo^{r} Toppan
Moses Dow.

The Council advise,

That Samuel Bean be further employed to ride as Post on the western Rout and that Nahum Akerman be employed to ride as Post on the northern Rout until the next Session of the Genl Court, at the rate of One Hundred pounds ℔ Annum Each, and in Case that either of them should fail, that his Excellency the President, be advised to employ some trusty person or persons in their stead, and

notify the Postmaster General of the same, that he may take bonds accordingly ; and that the President direct the Postmaster General to Settle with Samuel Bean for his former services, at the rate of one Hundred pounds a year reckoning a ten pound Order, for which he has received the Cash, as twenty pounds.

Josh[a] Wentworth
Christo[r] Toppan
Moses Dow.

* 2 P. & C. : 17 * Exeter Sept 26th 1786.

His Excellency, with advice of Council, ordered the following proclamation to be printed.

By His Excellency
John Sullivan Esquire,
President of the State of New Hampshire

A PROCLAMATION,
for a
General Thanksgiving.

It being the indispensible Duty of States, as well as Individuals, to take Notice of the Mercies of our divine Benefactor, and express their grateful Sense of the same ;

I have thought fit, by and with the Advice of Council, to appoint, and do hereby appoint Thursday the twenty third Day of November next, to be observed as a Day of public Thanksgiving throughout this State : recommending to Ministers and People of every Denomination in the same, to assemble on said Day, and in a social Manner to confess, and implore the divine Forgiveness of our past Transgressions; acknowledge our Unworthiness of the
* 2 P. & C. : 18 Smiles of Providence, in * blessing the Labour of our Hands, causing the Earth to bring forth her Increase, and crowning the present Year with Goodness ; to intreat the Continuance of the Favour of GOD : that he would still be the Health of our Countenance and establish the Work of our Hands; that he would bless the Great Council of the Nation, dwell in all our Towns ; bless our Seminaries of learning, multiply Grace, Mercy & Peace to the Churches of our Lord Jesus Christ ; inspire our Rulers with Wisdom, directing all Orders and Ranks to a strict Adherence to the Constitution ; that he would graciously be pleased to prevent all Animosities, and continue to restrain the Wrath of Man when pointed against Government.

All servile Labour is forbidden on said Day.

Given at the Council Chamber in Exeter this twenty sixth Day of September, in the Year of our Lord, One Thousand, Seven Hundred

& Eighty Six and in the Eleventh Year of the Independence of the United States of America Jn° Sullivan.

By His Excellency's Command,
with Advice of Council,
Joseph Pearson, Secretary.

*At a Council holden at Portsmouth Decr 22^d 1786. * 2 P. & C. : 19
President His Excellency John Sullivan Esq President
The Hon. Joshua Wentworth, Amos Shepard, Chris^to Toppan & Robert Means Esq^rs

Proceeded and appointed
Robt McGregore Col 9th Reg^t of Militia.
Nathl Fifield Lt Col of 9th D°
Oliver Holmes Maj^r of D°
John Dunlap 2^d Maj^r of D°

Joshua Atherton Esq of Amherst a Justice of the Peace for C^ty of Hillsbor°.

Advised & consented to by Josh^a Wentworth
Amos Shepard
Christo^r Toppan.
Robt Means.

At a Council holden at Portsmouth Dec 23^d 1786.

Present His Excellency John Sullivan Esqr President Hon. Joshua Wentworth, Christo^r Toppan, Robert Means, & Amos Shepard Esq^rs

Appointed Elijah Ring Esq of Chichester a Justice of the Peace for the County of Rockingham.

To which appointment we do advise & Consent.

Josh^a Wentworth.
Amos Shepard.
Christo^r Toppan.
Robert Means.

*At a Council holden at Portsmouth Jany 4 — 1787. * 2 P. & C. : 20
Present His Excellency John Sullivan Esq President
The Hon. Joshua Wentworth, Christopher Toppan Robert Means & Amos Shepard Esq^rs

Proceeded & appointed, the following persons to the respective Offices hereafter mentioned, having been nominated agreeably to Constitution, viz :

James Betton Esq of Windham a Justice of the Peace and of the Quorum for the County of Rockingham.

Robert Sevor Esq of Raby a Coroner for the County of Hillsborough.

Obadiah Mooney Esq. of Canterbury a Coroner for the County of Rockingham

Israel Town Esq of Stoddard a Just. Peace County of Cheshire

John Brewster Esq of Rochester a Coron^{r} for the C^{ty} of Strafford.

Joseph Gilman Esq. of Exeter a Justice of the Peace & of the Quorum for the County of Rockingham.

Aaron Kinsman Esq of Concord a Just^{c} Peace for C^{ty} Rockingham.

Jon^{a} Dow Esq. Gilmantown a Coroner for C^{ty} of Strafford.

Eli Wilkins Esq of Amherst a Justice of the Peace for the County of Hillsborough Consented to by Josh^{a} Wentworth.
Amos Shepard.
Christo^{r} Toppan.
Robert Means.

* 2 P. & C. : 21 *At a Council holden at Portsmouth Jany 8, 1787
Present His Excellency John Sullivan Esq President The Hon. Joshua Wentworth, Christ^{o} Toppan Amos Shepard & Robert Means Esq^{rs}.

The following persons having been nominated agreeably to Constitution proceeded & appointed them to the respective Offices hereafter mentioned, viz :

Maj^{r} Jon^{a} Cass a Major to command the Continental Troops to be raised agreeably to Resolve of Cong^{ss}.

Capt Samuel Cherry
Capt Wm Morris
Capt Josiah Munroe
Lt Daniel Gookin
} Captains for D^{o}

Hugh Orr Esq of Hancock a Coroner for the County of Hillsborough. Advised & consented to by Josh^{a} Wentworth
Christo^{r} Toppan
Amos Shepard
Robert Means.

At a Council holden at Portsmouth Jany 11th 1787

Present His Excellency John Sullivan Esq President The Hon. Joshua Wentworth, Christo^{r} Toppan, Amos Shepard & Robert Means Esq^{rs}.

The following persons having been nominated agreeably to Constitution proceeded & appointed them to the respective Offices hereafter mentioned viz :

Ebenezer Odell
Joseph Boynton
Charles Clapham
Robt B. Wilkins
Isaac Griswall
} Lieutenants for the Continental Troops to be raised

*Ebenezer Brewer
Sam[l] Britton } Ensigns for D°
Joseph S. Gilman

* 2 P. & C. : 22

His Excellency the President requested the Advice of Council relative to drawing Orders on the Treasurer. Whereupon the Council advise His Excellency to issue his Orders on the Treasurer agreeably to all Acts, Resolves & Votes that have heretofore been passed or shall be passed by the Legislature of this State authorizing the same during the present Session of the General Court.

Dudley Chase Esq of Cornish a Justice of the Peace for the County of Cheshire.

Advised and Consented to by Josh[a] Wentworth
Amos Shepard
Christo[r] Toppan
Robert Means

At a Council holden at Portsmouth Jan[y] 13th 1787
Present His Excellency John Sullivan Esq President
The Hon. Joshua Wentworth, Christo[r] Toppan Amos Shepard & Robert Means Esq[rs]

His Excellency the President requested the Advice of Council relative to carrying the Sentences of a late Court Martial into Execution agreeably to an Address of Both Houses.

Whereupon the Council advise His Excellency that he carry the same into effect conformably to said Address

Josh[a] Wentworth
Amos Shepard
Christo[r] Toppan
Robt Means.

At a Council holden at Portsmouth Jan[y] 13th 1787 * 2 P. & C. : 23 *
The resignation of Noah Worcester Esq as a Justice of the Peace for the County of Grafton was received and accepted.

Proceeded and appointed
Joseph Parsons Esq Maj[r] of the 1 Reg[t] Militia
George Hart Esq 2[d] Maj[r] of D°

John Haven Esq of Wakefield a Justice of the Peace for the County of Strafford.

Jonathan Johnson Esq of Sutton a Coroner for the County of Hillsborough.

David Sterrit Esq of Francestown a Justice of the Peace for the County of Hillsbor°

John Bellows Esq of Walpole a Justice of the Peace & of the Quorum for the County of Cheshire.

advised to by Josh[a] Wentworth
Amos Shepard
Christo[r] Toppan

At a Council holden at Portsm[o] Jan[y] 18th 1787

Present His Excellency John Sullivan Esq President

The Hon. Joshua Wentworth Christ[o] Toppan Amos Shepard & Robert Means Esq[rs]

His Excellency the President by Advice of Council adjourned the General Court to the 29th of May next.

proceeded & appointed

Doct[r] William Parker Surgeon
Timothy Johnson Surgeons Mate } Contin[tl] Troops to be raised

Robert Duncan of Concord, Ensign for Troops to be raised.

Paul Ayer Esq of Chesterfield Coron[r] for the County of Cheshire.

* 2 P. & C. : 24 * The Hon Joseph Gilman Esq[r] one of the Committee on Continental Accounts applied to His Excellency & Council for directions respecting his compleating the entries in the Books which are arranged for that purpose. Upon which the Council advised His Excellency to desire M[r] Gilman to proceed & make the Entries agreeably to said Arrangements.

Advised to by Josh[a] Wentworth
Amos Shepard
Christo[r] Toppan
Robert Means

At a Council holden at Portsmouth 22[d] January 1787

Present His Excellency John Sullivan Esq President. The Hon. Joshua Wentworth Christopher Toppan and Amos Shepard Esquires.

The following persons having been nominated agreeably to Constitution proceeded & appointed them to the respective Offices hereafter mentioned, viz :

Devenport Phelps Col[o]
William Page L[t] Col } 3 Reg[t] Light Horse
Aaron Ames Major

Peter Green Esq Col[o]
Robert Means Esq L[t] Col } 2 Reg[t] Light Horse
Capt W[m] Duncan Esq Maj

Michael Wentworth Esq Cap[t] of an Ind[nt] Co. of Light Horse

Nicholas Gilman Adj[t] Gen[l] *rank for after consideration.*

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* Hall Jackson L^{t}
James Sheafe 2 L^{t}
Clement Storer Cornet
John Sheafe Q^{r} Master
} of an Independent Company of Light Horse in Portsm^{o}

Jon^{a} Smith Lt Col. of the 21 Reg^{t} in the room of Joseph Burt resign^{d}

Ebenezer Britton Maj of d^{o} in the room of Maj Smith advanced

Nathl Cooper Surveyor of Lumber at Dover

Advised & consented to by us Josh^{a} Wentworth
Amos Shepard
Christo^{r} Toppan

At a Council holden at Portsmouth 23^{d} Jany 1787

Present His Excellency John Sullivan Esq President

The Hon Joshua Wentworth, Christo^{r} Toppan & Amos Shepard Esq^{rs}

The President represented to the Council that a number of Deputy Impost Officers are appointed in this State upon the several Roads leading into the same, and that by an Act of Massachusetts passed the 17th of November last & which took effect the first day of January current all Excise Articles brought from that Commonwealth into this State are exempted from Excise upon the Importer or Importers producing a Certificate under the hand of the Naval Officer, Collector or other Officer of the Customs in the State to which said Goods are exported, that he or they have appeared & made Oath that the said Goods have been bona fide brought into such State & a Doubt having arisen in the minds of the Impost Officers whether they can * legally administer said * 2 P. & C. : 26 Oath & by means thereof many have applied to Justices of the Peace for such Certificates whereby the Revenue of this State is greatly defrauded.

Whereupon the Council conceiving that the Authority of administering such Oaths is incident to the Office of the Impost Officer & his Deputies, advise that the President inform the Impost Officer to direct his Deputies to administer the Oaths to the Importers of Goods & give Certificates thereof until the Genl Court shall think proper to order the contrary.

The President requested the Advice of Council respecting the payment of Col Longs Order drawn in favor of Martha Parot for two hundred & forty six pounds eighteen shillings L. M. being the balance of President Langdons Order in her favor, which yet remains unpaid. Whereupon the Council advise that the President recommend to the Treasurer to give an Order upon the Excise Masters for payment of the aforesaid Draught.

Appointed, Neal McGaffey Lieut[t] of the Contenental Troops to be raised, in the room of Charles Clapham resign'd.

His Excellency requested the Advice of Council relative to the Standard of Pot, & Pearl Ash.

* 2 P. & C. : 27 Whereupon the Council advise * that the Standard for Pearl Ash be composed of alcaline salts without any mixture of Lime or other foreign Bodies. Pot Ash to be at least seven eighths of pure alcaline salts.

advised & consented to by Josh[a] Wentworth
Amos Shepard
Christo[r] Toppan

At a Council holden at Portsmouth Feb[y] 27th 1787

Present His Excellency John Sullivan Esq Presid[t]

The Hon. Joshua Wentworth Christo[r] Toppan & Robert Means Esquires

Proceeded & appointed

Jon[a] Wentworth Esq Col. of the second Regiment of Militia in the room of Col Dame resigned.

David Place Esq. L[t] Col. of d[o] in the room of Col Jon[a] Wentworth advanced.

Samuel Hale Esq for Major of d[o]

Weare Drake Esq of Effingham a Justice of the Peace for the County of Strafford.

Ebenezer French Esq of South Hampton a Coroner for the County of Rockingham.

Benjamin Haskell second Maj[r] of 21 Regiment.

Advised & consented to by Josh[a] Wentworth
Christo[r] Toppan
Rob[t] Means.

* 3 P. & C. : 28 *At a Council holden at Portsmouth 27th Feb[y] 1787

The Resignation of Col Peirce Long, L[t] Col Mark Wiggin & George Hart 2[d] Major as field Officers of the first Reg[t], was received and accepted.

His Excellency the President laid before the Hon. Council sundry Communications from Goven[r] Bowdoin relative to a Rebellion in the Commonwealth of the Massachusetts.

Whereupon the Council advised His Excellency to issue the following Proclamation, viz:

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE } By His Excellency John Sullivan Esq[r] President of the State of New Hampshire.

Whereas Daniel Shays of Pelham & Luke Day of West Springfield in the County of Hampshire, Adam Wheeler of Hubbardston in the

County of Worcester, & Eli Parsons of Adams in the County of Berkshire, all in the Commonwealth of the Massachusetts, stand charged with having been Principals in & Supporters of a wicked and unnatural Rebellion against the Commonwealth aforesaid & with having openly & traitorously raised a war against the same, with intent to subvert & overthrow the Constitution and form of Government thereof, and it is suggested, that to avoid Justice & to screen themselves from the punishment due to their offence, they have secreted themselves within this State, and His Excellency the Governor of said Commonwealth, having agreeably to the fourth Article of the Confederation & perpetual Union of the United States, demanded, that they be delivered up & removed to the said
Common-* wealth which alone can have jurisdiction of * 3 P. & C. : 29
the Offence.

I have therefore thought fit, by and with the Advice of Council to issue this Proclamation, hereby requiring all Judges, Justices, Sheriffs, Grand jurors, Constables, and other Officers, civil and military and also recommending it to all other good Subjects within this State to use their utmost Endeavours for discovering & apprehending the said Shays, Day, Wheeler & Parsons & them Commit to any of the Common Goals in this State, so that they may be secured & delivered over to the Authority of the aforesaid Commonwealth, hereby engaging that a reward of One Hundred & fifty pounds will be paid by the said Commonwealth to the person or persons who shall apprehend & secure the said Shays & one hundred pounds for each of the other beforementioned Offenders. And all persons are hereby strictly enjoined and requested not to harbour, conceal, secrete or entertain either of the said Offenders.

And whereas His Excellency the Governor of the said Commonwealth has also by virtue of the said fourth Article of Confederation & perpetual Union, demanded the following persons charged with the Crime of Treason in raising a rebellion and levying war against the aforesaid Commonwealth, viz.

Names.	Place of abode.	County.
Nathan Smith John Kelsey	Shirley	Middlesex
Adam Wheeler	Hubbardston	Worcester
Norman Clark Abraham Gale	Princeton	"
Jon[a] Holman	Templeton	"
Daniel Shays	Pelham	Hampshire
Thomas Grover	Montague	"
Luke Day	West Springfield	"
Daniel Gray		"

Names.	Place of abode.	County.
Doct^{r} Saml Willard	Uxbridge	Worcester
Hezekiah Chapman		
Moses Smith	Barre	"
Thomas Bicknale	Grafton	"
Oliver Watson Junr	Spencer	"
Samuel Slocum	Hubbardston	"
Benj^{a} Convers	Hardwick	"
John Hazeltine		
Capt Fisk	South Brimfield	Hamp^{e}
Elijah Day	West Springfield	"
Captain Sackett	Westfield	"
Captain Jewele	Chesterfield	"
Capt Brown	Whateley	"
Samuel Morse	Worthington	"
Capt Billings	Amherst	"
Obed Foot	Greenfield	"
Capt Dinsmore	Conway	
Capt Hill	Charlemont	
John Powers	Shutesbury	
Joseph Sargent	Princeton	Worcester
James Freeland	Sutton	"
Daniel Baird	Worcester	"
Aaron Smith	Shrewsbury	"
Daniel Sacket	Pitsfield	Berks^{e}
Daniel Hubbard	"	"
Joseph Fairfield	"	"
Jared Ingersole	"	"
Rufus Allen		
Samuel Rust	Pitsfield	"
* 3 P. & C. : 30 * Thomas Gould	"	"
Leicester Grosvenor	Windsor	"
William Davis	Windsor	"
Thos Robinson		
Hezekiah Green		
John Wiley	Dalton	"
Robert Wiley		
Joseph Chamberlain		
Benj^{a} Chamberlain		
Eliph^{t} Chamberlain		
Eph^{m} Cleveland		
Andrew Spafford		
Phinehas Watkins	Partridgefield	"
Aaron Bingham		

Names.	Place of abode.	County.
Eli Parsons Reuben Kinsman	Adams	Berks^{e}
Willm Whiting Esq	Great Barrington	"
John Hubbard	Sheffield	"
Jesse Mason	Lunenborough	"
John Nutting	Pepperel	Middlesex
James Perry	Easton	Bristol
David Valentine Matthew Randall	Freetown	do
Job Pierce Hezekiah Hix Junr	Rehoboth	do
Deliverance Bennet	Dartmouth	do
Gideon Pond	Mansfield	do
Pardon Pierce	Swanzey	do

Also said to have concealed themselves within this State to avoid being brought to trial for the aforesaid atrocious Offence. These are therefore to require all the Officers civil & military within this State, and I do hereby, with advice of Council
*recommend to all other good Subjects within the * 3 P. & C. : 31
same to use their Endeavours to apprehend the said
Offenders and them to commit to some common Goal in this State, that they may be conveyed to the said Commonwealth & delivered over to the authority of the same, to receive the punishment due to their offence — And all the good Subjects of this State are hereby strictly enjoined not to harbour, conceal or entertain any of the said offenders as they will answer it at their peril —

Given at the Council Chamber at Portsmouth this Twenty seventh day of February in the year of our Lord one Thousand Seven Hundred & Eighty Seven & in the Eleventh year of the Independence of the United States of America.

Also a Proclamation for a fast was presented and consented to by

Josh^{a} Wentworth
Christo^{r} Toppan
Robert Means

At a Council holden at Exeter March 5th 1787

Present His Excellency John Sullivan Esq Presid^{t} The Hon. Joshua Wentworth, Christ^{o} Toppan, Robert Means Esquires.

proceeded and appointed

John Dennet Esq Col. of the first Reg^{t} of Militia
Joshua Merrow Esq. 2^{d} Major of the 2^{d} Reg^{t} Militia.
John Harvey Esq Lt Col of 18th Reg^{t} D^{o}

Henry Butler Esq Major of 18th Regt Do
Moses Chase Esq 2d Maj of Do
Joseph Parsons Esq Lieut Col of 1st Regt Militia
Ephraim Pickering Esq Major of do
* 3 P. & C. : 32 * Samuel Langdon Esq Second Majr of 1st Regt
Advised & consented to by Josha Wentworth
Christor Toppan
Robert Means.

The Opinion of the Council being asked, Whether the balances due to the Judges of the Superior Court, if applied for, shall be made up to the seventeenth of January last when the vote passed granting them their present Salary.

Whereupon the Council advise that Orders for said balances may be made out upon application —

Advised by Josha Wentworth
Christor Toppan
Robt Means

* 3 P. & C. : 33 * At a Council holden at Exeter May 21st 1787
Present His Excelency John Sullivan Esq President
The Hon Christopher Toppan, Robert Means and Amos Shepard Esqrs

Proceeded to examine the returns for Senator for the year ensuing.

Adjourned till tomorrow half after eight oClock, A. M.

TUESDAY, May 22d 1787.

Present as yesterday.

Proceeded to examine the returns for Senators.

Appointed,

James Smith Esqr of Newmarkett a Justice of the peace for the County of Rockingham.

John B. Hanson Esq of Dover a Justice of the Peace for the County of Strafford.

Adjourned 'till Tomorrow 9 o'Clock, A. M.

WEDNESDAY May 23d 1787.

Present as Yesterday

Appointed

Charles Glidden Esq of Northfield a Justice of the Peace for the County of Rockingham.

His Excellency the President, requested the Advice of Council, whether he can agreeably to a vote of the 17th of January 1787, draw Orders, if applied for, on the Treasurer for the quarterly payment of the Salaries of the Justices of the Superior Court of Judicature.

Whereupon the Council give it as their opinion, that His Excellency cannot agreeably to the spirit & meaning of sd vote, draw Orders for the quarterly payment of sd Salaries.

Advised to by us Christor Toppan
Amos Shepard
Robert Means.

*At a Council holden at Concord June 5th 1787 * 3 P. & C. : 34

Present His Excellency John Sullivan Esq President The Hon Christopher Toppan, Robert Means and Amos Shepard Esqrs

proceeded and appointed

John Prentice Esqr Attorney General.

Samuel Chamberlain Junr of Loudon a Justice of the Peace for the County of Rockingham

Nehemiah Rand Esqr of Lindeborough a Justice of the Peace for the County of Hillsborough.

Silas Mack Esq of Marlow a Justice of the Peace for the County of Cheshire. Advised to by us Christor Toppan
Amos Shepard
Robert Means

APPENDIX.

Notes containing Extracts from the State and Federal Archives, Citations to Authorities and Biographical Memoranda, Illustrative of the History of the Relations of New Hampshire to the Adoption of the Constitution of the United States.

APPENDIX.

NOTE ONE.

CONVENTION FOR THE REGULATION OF COMMERCE, TO BE HOLDEN AT ANNAPOLIS, MD., ON THE FIRST MONDAY IN SEPTEMBER, 1786, UPON THE INVITATION OF THE LEGISLATURE OF MARYLAND, IN WHICH THE LEGISLATURE OF VIRGINIA JOINED, THROUGH THE MANAGEMENT OF MR. MADISON, BY THEIR VOTE IN JANUARY, 1786.

It was a provision of the appointment by the General Court of New Hampshire, that only two of its commissioners were to attend at the same time, but it is not known that the State was actually represented at all in that conference or convention.

COMMISSIONERS FOR NEW HAMPSHIRE.

JOSHUA WENTWORTH,[1]	Portsmouth,	chosen	March 4,	1786.
JOHN SPARHAWK	"	"	"	"
THOMAS MARTIN[2]	"	"	"	"
JOHN LANGDON	"	"	June 14,	"
JAMES SHEAFE	"	"	"	"

Historical authorities relative to this convention and the convention at Philadelphia the subsequent year which formed and promulgated the Federal Constitution are cited in the following:

1. Bibliography and Reference List of the History and Literature Relative to the Adoption of the Constitution of the United States, 1787–88. By Paul Leicester Ford, Brooklyn, N. Y., 1888.
2. Adams's Manual of Historical Literature, page 635.
3. Critical Period of American History, John Fiske, page 216.
4. History of the Celebration of the One Hundredth Anniversary of the Promulgation of the Constitution of the United States, vol. 1, page 26.

1. See Joshua Wentworth's Letter relative to this Mission, XVIII. Hammond's Miscellaneous Papers (N. H.) 772.
2. Thomas Martin was a prominent merchant at Portsmouth. Brewster's Rambles about Portsmouth, second series, page 90.

NOTE TWO.

The Convention of 1787, Holden at Philadelphia, which Promulgated the Constitution for Consideration by the States.

Action by the General Court of New Hampshire in Response to the Invitation to Join in the Convention.

Vote of January 16, 1787.

"*Voted*, That two proper persons be appointed to represent this state in the convention to be held in Philadelphia in May next, and that the Delegates be chosen by joint ballot of both Houses, and that a bill be brought in to ascertain the powers of said Delegates."

It appears by a memorandum, attached to the record at the end of the printed journal of the House for this session, that the Senate non-concurred in the above vote.

Vote of January 17, 1787.

"*Resolved*, That any two of the Delegates of this state to the Congress of the United States, be, and hereby are appointed and authorized as deputies from this state to meet such deputies as may be appointed and authorized by other states in the union, to assemble in convention at Philadelphia on the second day of May next, and to join with them in devising and discussing all such alterations and further provisions as to render the federal Constitution adequate to the exigencies of the union, and in reporting such an act to the United States in Congress, as when agreed to by them and duly confirmed by the several states, will effectually provide for the same; but in case of the death of any of said deputies, or their declining their appointments, the executive is hereby authorized to supply such vacancies, and the President is requested to transmit forthwith a copy of this resolve to the United states in Congress, and to the executive of each of the states in the union.

The foregoing resolve was returned from the Senate for the following amendment, "that the said Delegates shall proceed to join the convention aforesaid in case Congress shall signify to them that they approve of the said convention, as advantageous to the union, and not an infringement of the powers granted to Congress by the confederation.

Which amendment was read and concurred."

The Delegates designated[1] by the above votes to attend the Convention, were as follows; —

John Langdon, Portsmouth.
Pierse Long, "
John Sparhawk, "
Nicholas Gilman, Exeter.

1. In Amory's Life of Sullivan, p. 226, Langdon, Atkinson, Livermore, and Bartlett are named as the delegates to Congress and to the Federal Convention. The record does not confirm the statement.

A Vote of the Continental Congress, passed February 21, 1787.

"*Resolved*, that in the opinion of Congress, it is expedient, that on the second Monday of May next, a convention of delegates, who shall have been appointed by the several States, be held at Philadelphia, for the sole and express purpose of reviewing the articles of Confederation, and reporting to Congress and the several legislatures, such alterations and provisions therein, as shall when agreed to in Congress, and confirmed by the States, render the Federal constitution adequate to the exigencies of government, and the preservation of the Union." — *Journals of Congress*, Vol. 12. p. 14.

In the House, June 14, 1787.

"*Voted*, That a conference be had with the honorable Senate, if they see fit, as soon as may be, in the Assembly Chamber, to take into consideration some method for forwarding Delegates to Congress and the Convention at Philadelphia, and any other matter that may come under their consideration."

The Senate concurred the same day.

"In the House June 15, *Voted*, that Mr. N. Peabody, Mr. Odlin, Mr. Blanchard, Mr. Dix, and Mr. Holmes, with such of the honourable Senate as they shall join, be a committee to devise ways and means for forwarding Delegates of this State to Congress and the Convention at Philadelphia, and report thereon."

The Senate concurred the same day.

Mr. Bellows, Mr. Bayley and Mr. Bell were joined.

In the House June 22, "*Voted*, That this House join with the honorable Senate if they see fit, to chuse four persons by joint ballot, either two of whom to represent this state in the Grand Convention now sitting at Philadelphia."

This vote was brought up on the 23d in the Senate, read and concurred, and *concurrence reconsidered.*

In the House, June 26, "*Voted*, That this House join with the honourable Senate, if they see fit, to elect by joint ballot (as soon as may be) Delegates to represent this State in the Convention sitting at Philadelphia."

The Senate on the same day non-concurred in this Vote.

June 27. In the House.

"An act for appointing deputies from this State to the Convention proposed to be holden in the city of Philadelphia in May, 1787, for the purpose of revising the federal constitution, was read a third time and passed to be enacted."

The same day, in the Senate.

"An Act for appointing deputies from this State, to the convention, proposed to be holden in the city of Philadelphia in May, 1787, for the purpose of revising the federal constitution, having been read a third time,

Voted that it pass to be enacted."

COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED FROM THIS STATE TO MEET IN A CONVENTION PROPOSED TO BE HELD AT PHILADELPHIA IN MAY, 1787, TO TAKE UNDER CONSIDERATION THE REVISION OF THE ARTICLES OF CONFEDERATION OF THE UNITED STATES, &C.

Chosen by Concurrence of the Senate in Votes originating in the House June 27, 1787.

JOHN LANGDON, Portsmouth.
BENJAMIN WEST, Charlestown.
JOHN PICKERING, Portsmouth.
NICHOLAS GILMAN, Exeter.

Mr. Langdon and Mr. Gilman were the two New Hampshire delegates who actually attended the Federal Convention. The session of that body was well advanced before they appeared. Their first attendance in the convention was on the 23d of July. The representation of this state even at that late day was secured only by urgent appeals from abroad and extraordinary effort at home. The finances of the State were in a deplorable condition and it is impossible to realize at the present time what an undertaking it was to provide cash for any considerable public enterprise. It was currently reported in the newspapers of the day that the expenses of Mr. Gilman and himself were defrayed by Mr. Langdon from his private purse. (Historical Address of Hon. J. W. Patterson, 2 N. H. Hist. Soc. Proceedings, 28.) Mr. Langdon and Mr. Gilman signed the instrument as promulgated from the convention. The History of the Celebration of the Hundredth Anniversary of the Promulgation of the Constitution, before cited, gives biographies and copies of authentic portraits of the members of this body. Those devoted to Mr. Langdon and Mr. Gilman are on pages 142 and 146. At the time of that service Mr. Gilman was but twenty-five years of age. Though he died at a comparatively early age, he filled a large measure of public service in the most exalted stations to which the people of his own State could assign him.

Of the delegation named January 17, 1787, *Pierse Long* was a delegate to the New Hampshire Convention of 1788 and voted for ratification.

John Sparhawk died before the first Session of the New Hampshire Convention.

John Langdon, by a subsequent appointment, as before stated, attended the Federal Convention, was subsequently a member of the State Convention, and in both was an efficient supporter of the Constitution.

Nicholas Gilman was one of the delegates named January 17 and again June 27. His attitude towards the proposed Constitution was the same as that of Mr. Langdon, his colleague, but he was not a member of the State Convention of 1788.

John Pickering was elected a delegate to the Philadelphia Convention June 27, but did not attend. He was a member of the State Convention and voted for ratification.

Benjamin West, like Mr. Pickering a non-attending delegate, elected to the Federal Convention June 27, was a member of the State Convention and voted for ratification. Some interesting particulars in regard to his service in the State Convention are given by Mr. Mason in the extract from the latter's memoir which is quoted in a subsequent note.

NOTE THREE.

The Ratification of the Constitution on the Part of New Hampshire.

New Hampshire ratified the Constitution of the United States, June 21, 1788. As the consent of nine States was requisite, to make the instrument the organic law for the ratifying States, the action of this State made the federal government a fact. Four days afterwards Virginia gave consent. Her Legislature had not then been informed of the action of New Hampshire. Though the final vote of the one did not affect the action of the other, yet both undoubtedly had great influence on the result in New York. However desirable it was to have the consent of that great commonwealth, it was not now indispensable.

The Journal of the New Hampshire convention is given, with a roll of membership and biographical notices of members, in Bouton's Province and State Papers (N. H.) Vol. X. p. 1. The credentials of the members are in the files of the Secretary of State at Concord. The most satisfactory history of the convention, however, is that of Hon. Joseph B. Walker, published in 1888, Boston: Cupples & Hurd. This excellent work has much interesting collateral matter, including several new biographies of members, as well as notes and illustrations pertinent to the subject.

Other historical and biographical publications which deal especially with this convention and its membership, are the following:

(1.) Centennial Address, by Hon. James W. Patterson, before cited.

(2.) New Hampshire and the Federal Convention, by W. F. Whitcher, XI. Granite Monthly, 203.

(3.) Biography of Samuel Livermore, by Hon Charles R. Corning, Proceedings of the Grafton and Coös Bar Association (N. H.), Vol. 1, p. 365.

(4). Biography of Elisha Payne, by Hon. William H. Cotton, *Id.* pp. 497, 632.

(5.) Biography of William Simpson, XI. Granite Monthly, 367; Jesse Johnson, *Id.* 396, XII. *Id.* 510; Samuel Young, XII. *Id.* 36; Isaac Patterson, *Id.* 39, 97; Joseph Hutchins, *Id*, 59; John Weeks, *Id.* 340; Jonathan Freeman (Hanover in the Convention of 1788), XI. *Id.* 310.

(6.) Chapter X. of The Republic of Republics, Ed. 4, by C. P. Centz, Barrister (pseudonym). "New Hampshire Federalizes Herself. The Ninth to Ratify. Vote, 57 to 46. Date, June 21, 1788." These quoted words are the title of the chapter, which discusses the act of the State and its legal and political effect from the standpoint of the advocates of the extreme doctrine of state sovereignty. The volume is of 606 pages, a work of much research, published 1881. Boston: Little, Brown & Co.

(7.) The newspapers of the state at this period, which contain more or less of comment and discussion on the issues involved in the proposed changes in government were: "Freeman's Oracle and N. H. Advertiser," Exeter; "N. H. Gazette and General Advertiser," Exeter; "N. H. Mercury," Portsmouth; "N. H. Recorder and Weekly Advertiser," Keene; "N. H. Spy," Portsmouth.

(8.) The two political years from June, 1786, to June, 1788, during which John Sullivan was President of the State, constituted the period in which the principal events connected with the formation, discussion, and adoption of the constitution transpired. [Amory's Life of John Sullivan (1868), p. 226.] By a misprint, Hon. James W. Patterson, in his address on the occasion of the New Hampshire Historical Society's celebration of the centennial anniversary of the ratification of the constitution by New Hampshire, at Concord on the 21st of June, 1888, before cited — is made to say that John Langdon was President of the State in 1787. In the permanent publication of the society's proceedings, Mr. Patterson will cause the error to be corrected, and mention of it is made here at his request.

(9.) In Bancroft's History of the United States, Vol. 6, Part 2, which is devoted to the History of the Formation of the Constitution, in narrating the action of the New Hampshire convention of 1788, the author, on p. 409, mentions Woodbury Langdon in an account of the New Hampshire convention debate. Judge Woodbury Langdon was not a delegate. In that connection the name of Rev. Dr. Samuel Langdon should appear instead. The latter was a delegate representing Hampton Falls and Seabrook. He had been from 1774 to 1780 president of Harvard College. He had also served a pastorate of twenty-seven years with the North church at Portsmouth. Biographical sketch, 3 Plumer MSS. Biog. 653.

(10.) In the table of delegates, Bouton State Papers, Vol. 10, p. 7, a slight misassignment of Capt. Isaac Patterson as representative for Franconia and Lincoln, has occasioned error in the treatment of the local history which is related to the personnel of the convention. At this time the class of towns formerly constituted of Haverhill, Piermont, Warren, and Coventry (now Benton) had been divided. Haverhill and Coventry were a separate class for purposes of representation. Piermont and Warren constituted another class. Franconia and Lincoln were still another. Neither of these classes was represented in the first session of the convention. With the exception

of the class which consisted of Conway, Eaton, Burton, (now Albany) and the Locations, which was partly in Strafford County and was represented by David Page, Grafton county was unanimous for the adoption of the constitution, so far aswe may judge by the recorded vote at the second session. At this second session, however, Col. Joseph Hutchins appeared for Haverhill and Coventry with a negative vote, and Capt. Isaac Patterson for Piermont and Warren, with an affirmative. The Franconia and Lincoln class was not represented. This statement is based on an examination of the original credentials which are on file in the office of the Secretary of State. See correspondence on this subject, XII. Granite Monthly, 97; Sketch of Captain Patterson, *Id.* 39.

(11.) The well known historians of New Hampshire, Belknap and Barstow, devote space to the subject of the federal constitution. The work of the latter is particularly worthy of reference, as it contains the speech which is said to have been delivered in the state convention by Joshua Atherton, in which he opposes the constitution notably on the ground that it countenanced the institution of slavery.

(12.) Gov. Plumer, though not a member of the New Hampshire Convention, was active and prominent in public affairs at the time the constitution was under consideration. The members were his contemporaries, and he was familiar with the attitude taken by those who took a leading part in the discussion of the question. He comments freely upon these matters in his biographies of the men of that period. All of his sketches of members of the convention yield interesting points on this subject, and his treatment of the relations of Samuel Livermore, John Pickering, the Langdons, Joshua Atherton, John Sullivan, Benjamin West, Pierse Long, John Taylor Gilman, Josiah Bartlett, Joseph Badger and Benjamin Bellows to the contest for the ratification of the instrument by this State is very useful to the student of this branch of constitutional history.

(13.) Mr. McMaster, in his History of the People of the United States, Vol. 1, 484, 487, in discussing the relations of New Hampshire to the exciting events which preceded the practical end of the controversy over the establishment of the new government by the long delayed but finally favorable action of New Hampshire, Virginia, and New York, places the responsibility for the unexpected opposition to the constitution in our convention upon the country members. He says: "Such a host of country members came bidden to vote against the 'New Roof' that after struggling for a week the Federalists were glad to consent to an adjournment till the third Wednesday in June."

Nearly all the delegates might properly be regarded as country members, and if any opposition were to arise, it must have come from those who made up almost the entire membership. Portsmouth, with a population of 4,720 and three members, was strong for raising the "New Roof," while Londonderry, with 2,622 population and two members, was adverse. No other town had more than one delegate. Those which were represented by one delegate each, and which voted for the constitution, numbered forty and had an aggregate population by the census of 1790 of 43,370. The similar towns whose

delegates voted against ratification, numbered thirty, and had a population of 38,712. A few representatives of such towns are recorded as not voting. There were five of these towns, and their population was 5,112. The small towns or the towns of sparse population, which were classed for purposes of representation, are assigned for, against, and not voting, as follows: Forty-seven towns in sixteen classes, with an aggregate population of 20,685, gave sixteen votes for the constitution; thirty-seven towns in fifteen classes, with an aggregate population of 18,126, gave fifteen votes against it; nine towns in four classes, with an aggregate population of 5,549, though represented, did not vote.

The following figures are also deduced from the census of 1790, and are given as bearing directly on the question of the relative population of districts voting affirmatively and negatively, and the responsibility of the so-called "country members" for the opposition to the adoption of the constitution. The total population represented by the affirmative vote was 68,776; by the negative vote, 59,640; not voting, 10,661. The average population of towns voting affirmatively was 764; negatively, 900; not voting, 761. The average constituency of delegates voting affirmatively was 1,166; negatively, 1,265; not voting, 1,185.

The vote for the constitution more largely preponderated in the county of Rockingham, and within the immediate circle of Portsmouth and Exeter influence, than in the central and western counties; but Grafton, as before shown, which was the most northern, the most remote, the most sparsely peopled, and probably as essentially a country constituency as any part of the State, was all but unanimous for adoption. If a township map of the state were to be colored, according to the vote in this convention, it would have very little significance as regards the territorial distribution or location of those for and against. It is not probable that many members came to the convention under specific instructions. The reasoning which moved individuals must be sought in the traditionary reports of the debates and the contemporary controversial literature. These are, however, unsatisfactory avenues in which to seek definite evidence as to what moved the minds and controlled the judgment of the scores of members who were not heard in debate or regarded as oracles. Why the response of the one was yea and the other nay was not regarded as a matter of any moment after the event. It was sufficient to know and remember what the Livermores and the Athertons thought of the constitution. Just back of this period was a confederation that had been sufficient in war but was now impotent in peace. The new constitution promised to regulate commerce and to realize the national unity which in some form had found a place in the anticipation of every intelligent American. But did not the new constitution exact too great a price for what it could confer? The people and their representatives in conventions to consider the proposed constitution naturally were divided in opinion. In New Hampshire, as elsewhere, reason obtained the mastery over doubt, and the experience of a century has so vindicated the prophetic judgment of the fathers of the constitution that we are at a loss to-day to understand why any one should not have seen in their prophecy all that we have realized in the full fruition.

NOTE FOUR.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF THREE REPRESENTATIVE MEN OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL PERIOD,— BENJAMIN WEST, ELISHA PAYNE, AND JOHN LANGDON.

BENJAMIN WEST.

"Mr. West was by far the first, best lawyer, and in all respects the most respectable man in that region of country. He was educated, I believe, at Princeton College, New Jersey, and commenced the practice of law at Charlestown before the close of the Revolutionary War. He had good natural powers of mind, a quick and clear perception, a delicate taste, highly refined, a sound judgment, and lively imagination. His style of speaking was simple, natural, smooth, and mild; always pure and neat, and sometimes elegant, with a good person, clear and pleasant voice, much earnestness and apparent sincerity,— he was, altogether, a most persuasive speaker. In arguing cases of complicated and doubtful evidence before a jury, I have seldom if ever heard his superior. In the discussions of questions of law and in argumentation of mere abstract propositions he was less powerful; indeed, for the discussion of questions of law he was deficient in law learning. This he was fully sensible of, and attributed it to his having quitted the study when he began the practice of the law. He said the elder Judge Livermore, who had been Attorney-General of the province before the Revolution, was Chief Justice of the Supreme Court; that, having no law learning himself, he did not like to be pestered with it at his courts; that when he (Mr. West) attempted to read law books in a law argument the Chief Justice asked him why he read them; if he thought that he and his brethren did not know as much as those musty old worm-eaten books? Mr. West answered, "These books contain the wisdom of the ancient sages of the law." The reply was, "Well, do you think we do not understand the principles of justice as well as the old wigged lawyers of the dark ages did?" and thus his law books were laughed out of court. This was surely but poor encouragement for the dry study of law books.

"Mr. West was remarkable for his modesty and diffidence; he never rose to speak on any important occasion without such excitement as caused a nervous tremor. I have heard him say that his feelings, arising from diffidence, were so distressingly oppressive, that he never rose on such occasions, when he would not willingly have given three times the amount of his fees to have been excused. He was a member of the Convention of New Hampshire for adopting the Constitution of the United States, where, from his known talents, much was expected from him. There was much discussion and the result, about which he was very anxious, was a long time held in doubtful suspense; yet, though strongly urged, such was his diffidence that he could not be induced to speak.

"In social intercourse his manners were simple, but always courteous and urbane. He had a delicate and refined wit, and was fond of it in others;

his manner of living was simple, exceedingly neat, and approaching to elegance; he indulged in a liberal hospitality, entirely free from all ostentation. In short, he was a gentleman in the true and best sense of the term. — *Memoir of Jeremiah Mason, pages 28-30.*

Biographical Sketches of Eminent Lawyers, Statesmen, and Men of Letters, by Knapp, — Benjamin West, page 245; Sanderson's History of Charlestown, N. H., page 596.

See Morrison's Life of Jeremiah Smith, page 166, for estimates of Mr. West by Judge Smith and Daniel Webster.

Mr. West was a member of the famous Hartford Convention of 1814. Barstow's History of New Hampshire, page 372. See Memoir of Judge Wilde, Memorials of Deceased Judges, Alumni of Dartmouth College, by Judge Nathan Crosby, page 9.

ELISHA PAYNE.

The conclusion of the struggle for independence, the settlement of the disputed boundary between New Hampshire and Vermont at the westerly bank of the Connecticut river, and the adoption of a definite form of government in this state raised many difficult questions affecting particularly the towns in the western part of the state, which had disputed the authority of the provisional government. It was to be expected that municipalities and individuals everywhere would urge demands for services, loans, and expenses in the public defence. The western New Hampshire towns and their inhabitants were not exceptions to the general movement for re-imbursement and relief. They were, however, embarrassed by the fact that their political attitude had been for years, and in an exceedingly critical period, hostile to the controlling party in the state, and that the same element which they had antagonized was still potential in public affairs. Under these circumstances, it was essential to their interests that their representatives should possess legislative aptitude and diplomatic skill for the successful management of interests that were sure to be antagonized for reasons which, if not valid, were at least plausible.

Among the able men who appeared from this section, none was better equipped for the task than Col. Elisha Payne of Lebanon. He was educated to the law in Connecticut, and came into Grafton county thoroughly imbued with Connecticut ideas as to the rights of towns as independent units of government and as to what should be the relations of towns to the state. The temporary New Hampshire constitution of 1776 was drawn in conformity to theories that were widely at variance with his conceptions of the methods and province of government. Notwithstanding the fact that he was named for important offices under the new state government, notably that of associate justice of the superior court of which Meschech Weare was chief in 1776, justice of the Grafton County Common Pleas later in the same year, and chief justice of the same court in 1779, he held aloof, and became a chief mover in the enterprise of establishing a state to be constituted of towns on both sides of the Connecticut river, or, failing in that, to join the

disaffected towns on the east side of the river to the prospective state of Vermont, or a sufficient number of Vermont towns to New Hampshire to carry the balance of power to the Connecticut river. In 1778, he was a member of the Vermont legislature, representing a constituency on the east side of the river, and was a member of the executive council. In 1781 he was chief justice and his name appears on the official tables as the only incumbent of the office for that year. (Daniel Chipman's Vermont Reports, page vi.; Slade's Vermont State Papers, 564; Records Governor and Council of Vermont, vol. 1, page 275.) He was also lieutenant governor and major general of the militia.

His party, however, could not control the resources with which to sustain an armed attempt to establish the autonomy of a state with boundaries making such extensive encroachments on what had been assigned to New Hampshire by royal authority.

President Weare, General Sullivan, Judge Livermore, and their coadjutors, were successful in turning the sentiment of Congress against the claims of Vermont to territory east of the river. Colonel Payne recognized the logic of events and with patriotic good sense accepted the situation. His biographer well says, "He was no vulgar conspirator, no fomenter of useless and groundless discontents, and accepted in good faith the result of the contest he had so ably waged." He was now in position to turn these changed relations to the mutual advantage of the parties lately in contention. He wisely improved this opportunity. In a brief time the animosity which attended this affair had subsided.

All through the period of important legislative development and constitutional change which intervened between 1783 and 1794, Colonel Payne held a conspicuous place in the public service. In 1784 and 1785 he was a representative, and in 1784 was appointed by the legislature a delegate to the Continental Congress. He formally accepted this appointment, but it does not appear that he actually attended at any session of that body. In 1786 and 1787 he was a state senator. In 1788, he was a delegate to the state convention which ratified the federal constitution. Judge Livermore was the acknowledged leader of the party which sought the acceptance of the proposed constitution. The fact that the delegation from the Grafton county towns was practically unanimous in support of Mr. Livermore (Correspondence, XII "Granite Monthly," 97) gives us the right to assume that he received timely and valuable assistance, not only from those with whom he exercised a large influence through his own personality, but also from those who had long regarded Colonel Payne as a political mentor.

He was one of the ten persons who were named for chief justice of the superior court in the executive council July 16, 1789, from whom John Pickering first and afterwards Josiah Bartlett was chosen.

He was a member of the most important committee in the convention which promulgated the state constitution of 1793, but at this time he had become less active and aggressive in dealing with questions of public policy than in his earlier political experience. Mr. Plumer, commenting on the personnel of the committee, says, "the infirmities of age made Payne inact-

ive." He came into this state in middle age. During the succeeding twenty-five years of his life he was influential in public affairs. In the constructive period of our political and constitutional history he will be recognized as one who made an impress on his times by his knowledge of the principles of government, and his ability to mold the opinions of men and shape events by the peculiar force and individuality of his character.

"SOME ACCOUNT OF JOHN LANGDON."

BY JOHN LANGDON ELWYN.

John Langdon was born in the month of December, 1739: in a house, such as is provincially still called a garrison house, near the head of the small inlet of the sea, at the mouth of which established itself the first permanent colony, it is said, of the English on the Piscataqua in the spring: 1623: certainly the second, 1631. The stream of the early history of New-England has been so corrupted by the subsequently predominant Puritan faction, who troubled themselves about nothing that did not go to their own glory, in their phrase, the glory of God, that one half the world think this coast was unvisited till about the time it was honored with their presence; in all likelihood the English came to the Piscataqua for fifty years before: Cornish fishermen did not print their voyages then more than Yankee fishermen do now. The site of the house of: 1631: is rather less than three miles below where he was born, and is perfectly well known: indeed it is not to be mistaken, and the choice of it would have raised the reputation of a Phenician navigator. For an ocean settlement on an Indian shore, near the best harbor of the States, its situation is superb. It has got along, without a monument, more than two hundred years; this promontory; and, like enough, will two hundred more: "*Akte epi proechouse, epi platei Hellesponto, Hos ken telephanes ek pontophin andrasin eie; Tois hoi nun gegaasi, kai hoi metopishen esontai.*" A little stronger effort followed the first: 1631: and discovered the perseverance of Ambrose Gibbon: we believe a native of the county of Devon. His letters to his employers, in his hardships, show him to have been an honest, faithful Englishman. His daughter Rebecca married Henry Sherburne, one of his companions: and was we suppose the mother of Elizabeth Sherburne.

From the simple and affectionate custom of burying the dead upon their little farms, gravestones are common about the creek: but the earliest graved is that of Captain Tobias Langdon, who owned the garrison house at the head of the creek: and is buried hard by. This Tobias was born here on Sagamore's creek: 1666: and was the son of another Tobias Langdon, who came here, when precisely we do not know; but he was living very early where his son was born and married to Elizabeth Sherburne, daughter of Henry Sherburne, above named: to whom was granted this land round the head of the creek. This sequestered district has seen few changes of property; and three or four thousand acres on the Southern side of Sagamore's creek, is, every acre of it, still in the hands of various families who

have inhabited it more than two hundred years. West of England names were common with the breed that helped to settle the fishing stations of the coast: such roots as Langdon, Landon, Sloper, Soper, Lear, Fowey, Champernowne, Bampfylde, Peveril, Pulsifer, Polkinghorne, Penhallow, Trevethen, Treworgy, are chiefly of un-Saxon original. Langdon the Cornishman was one of the smaller settlers and died young: July 27th, 1664: leaving this only child. His widow married Tobias Lear and lived hard by: where their descendants stayed till nearly our day.

This little Piscataqua colony had neither a religions nor a political purpose, and nothing to do with its Puritan neighbours. Governour Winthrop attributes Gorges and Mason's failing to make money by their plantation, to God's rightful anger with the professed enemies of the Puritans of the Bay. Indeed their proceeding to settle a clergyman of the Church of England: 1640: the year of the impeachment of Thomas Wentworth, Earl of Strafford, (a name which has domestic sound from its being given by the New-Hampshire Wentworths to the noble County of Strafford) in the thunder-storm of English fanaticism and rebellion, betokened no more of the Commonwealth than the Saints: their chapel was built some time before. It has occasioned much discussion, and some Calvinistic writers of the last century, in their zeal to purify New-England's maiden Calvinism from such a stain as these poor fishermen's proceedings, have tried to get over the fact by maintaining that his flock neither knew nor cared of what religion their pastor was to be. It seems that the Massachusetts Puritans, without a shadow of right, they have howled ever since about losing their own charter afterward, with their usual arrogant, intolerant and usurping temper, did think it worth while to instantly take advantage of something wrong about the man, to come and drive him out of the country: it seems that to the Church of England he notoriously belonged: had been preaching at the Isles of Shoals, the largest fishing station on the coast: also near Portland; where tradition says he was settled and had a church: it seems that Thomas Walford, one of the churchwardens, had been driven out of the Bay before: and Henry Shurburne; the other, subsequently registers his name, with his son-in-law Sloper's, Tobias Langdon being dead, as refusing to subscribe to the support of a noted Puritan, with the appropriate name of Moody: this looks like the memory of insult: and the whole transaction shows they meant to set up the altar of their fathers, and the violence of their neighbors interfered to throw it down. We do not wonder at it: had we come to such a place as Eastern Massachusetts, to exhilarate ourselves with the union of Church and State, we should not ourselves have let these Samaritans escape our vigilance, when it would knock our project on the head: and our good New-England disputants of the last century did not tell, for they were too ignorant to know, what the Puritans feared, that throughout England away from London and left to themselves, much more in the paradise of novelists, the West of England, in the afterward great Royalist Counties of Cornwall and Devon, a majority of the simple and lowly English, such as, unlike them, these people were, might look back on the charities, the sports and the holidays, and have too much natural proneness to the religion, so congenial to the proud but so condescending to

the humble, the glorious religion of the Church of Rome. The Puritans' Democratic Principle, we suppose, did not then rise so much above the pitch of other mens' as some of their descendants are always telling us it did: at any rate they did not leave their great projects of permanent civil and religious freedom for that to take care of: a solicitude not peculiar to them.*

Tobias Langdon married Mary Hubbard of Salisbury in Massachusetts, and left two daughters and seven sons. He died: 1724–25: in the beginning of 1725: having arisen to be Selectman, Captain, and Deacon of the North Church. His youngest son John tilled the ground of his forefathers, and, near our door, he is buried with his wife, by the side of his father. His life has not given much stimulus to history: but he left the name of an honest, strong and good-natured yoeman. He was many years chairman of the board of Selectmen. We plead guilty without shame, to a liking to local histories and genealogies and reverence for a gravestone. Our creek must, from the town records and deeds and wills, for the little yeomanry and humble fisherman had them all, have been better peopled a century and a half ago than now. Already in this youthful land, dark and heavy forests shroud their cellars, apple-trees and gravestones. We have often wished that Ambrose Gibbon or Henry Sherburne, the born subjects of Elizabeth, or Captain Tobias Langdon and his seven stately sons, or Ambrose Sloper and his seventeen children, or even the African slaves, them they had then, they leave them in their wills, and unerring local tradition still points to negro graves, could for once stand up before us and tell us what they did do in the long, long time they were here. The Boston road near by, goes over some graves; whose they are nobody knows nor cares: but the little heaps of earth are not yet worn down by the wheels of stage-coaches: and we have lately seen an ancient tomb, of an honored family in our colonial history, of the Cuttses and the Vaughans, lying open in the heart of a village of eight thousand people, with its lettered marble that its poor owners took pains to bring from across the Atlantic, more than a century ago, broken to pieces, and their thigh-bones, jaw-bones and sculls lying scattered on its floor. A few miles off, caring for the rights neither of living or dead, a railway goes, not over, under a family burying-place. The forefathers, of course, found it time to start: and Paddy shovelled the bones into his horse-cart with great joy. That he should make Francis Drakes, such is the inherited name of two hundred years, throw such somersets:

> "The piratical hero: how he would have stamped on
> The sands and the swamps and the rocks of Old Hampton;
> That he round the world should be first to make sail,
> That the bones of his children might be sold to * * * * * *
> Had Essex and Raleigh, and Spenser and Mountjoy
> Known how Ireland's revenge would at last now have found joy,
> Though their nerves to be sure would have run a slight shiver
> That our English bones even here at Little River
> When Boston folks Railways so furiously ran on,
> And o'er our graves Yankees must needs lay their plan on,
> Be kicked out of their way by the wild men of the Shannon."

* Jenness's "Isles of Shoals," p. 143.

Paddy has found and will find it harder to dig out the other Cromwellians that robbed fairer meadows from Catholics there than Heathens had to give them here:

"Oh Cromwell! your curse rests on Ireland we know:
Sure enough, it's there yet; but here 'tis not so:
For all that we see you conquered in vain,
If Paddy's to dig us all up in Long Lane.
When we see him cut up our children's best meadow,
What good is't to think how his blood ran in Tredagh?
How many your troopers shot, threw into brooks,
That Saint's children might grow into Barons and Dukes;
If we must pay up here for Paddy's complaints,
That three-fourths of Ireland you gave to your Saints:
Shut him up by law in the Kingdom of Connaught,
And knocked out his brains when he dared to come out.
This your Great Act of Grace, you so nobly did call,
For you'd talk'd pretty hard about killing them all!
(Such a loss to the world would never have been yet,
Were Paddy extinct we no Railways should get,
Any more than cotton and sugar should we grow,
Without the cowhide on the back of the negro.)
Come out! he's got here; in a horse-cart now I go,
Tossed in by this tattered breech from County Sligo.
Those you kept there in Ireland got much better fare,
After seizing the lands of Fitzgerald, Kildare,
They with New-England wisdom, when Charles was took back,
Swore they never belonged to our Puritan pack,
And again on the turn, left poor James in the lurch,
Stood out for the Dutchman, and Protestant church;
And when all was o'er and the King lost his own,
Grew to great Orange nobles to hold up the throne.
We came to Witch Creek, Ballyhack and Drake's Plain,
But Paddy must follow; we're at it again:
We burn down his convents: he spoils our gravestones,
And gluts his revenge upon Cromwellian bones."

Doggerel may be history in Ireland or here: this is in both.

John Langdon born: 1707: married Mary Hall of Exeter, whose mother we believe, was a Woodbury of Beverly. The legend has it that he took her very young: and his brother Joseph, the progenitor of most of our neighbours of various names, one of his wives, yet younger: the eldest being fourteen. This simple epitaph raises many strange thoughts: "Here lyes ye body of Mrs. Mary Sloper, wife of Captain Henry Sloper, who dyed: 1718: aged sixteen years." Mrs. Langdon had a clever family of four daughters and two sons: of which John Langdon was the second. Her father, Josiah Hall of Exeter, her mother's genealogy we have not happened to stumble on, was the son of Kingsley Hall, one of its leading citizens, and Elizabeth Dudley, daughter of Samuel Dudley, the son of Thomas Dudley, second governour of Massachusetts Bay. We have had no trouble to ascertain so much of a New Hampshire pedigree, reaching through humble life to the reign of Elizabeth. Mr. Langdon was of the oldest New-England stock: and though born more than a century ago, of the sixth generation of English colonists.

Feuds disquieted the parental councils. Her boys' spending their energy upon their native swamps and gravelly knolls, which did not shock the English yeoman's instinct of the one, roused her country's spirit from its slumbers in the other. Their bringing up was taken from his hands: what she thought learning she tried to get for her boys; that they might fulfil the purpose for which she knew her countrymen born, to get from home as quick as possible and rise in the world. A right German thirst after knowledge had as much to do with their talk about education then as now: but self-neglecting never tainted their character: laborious efforts to get what will not turn to worldly advantage are doubtless wicked: but ambition nor self-love has no right to every other principle of action's name when it chooses to take it. Still the poor farmer's wife, on so barren a spot, straining to give her children all the chance she could, has something in it prophetic and noble. Tilling the ground, unfortunately for the real progress of, taken together, the clever country which encompasses the Piscataqua, was not the turn of our forefathers: we recollect the favour it found, when ready gains cursed New England in the twenty years war. But the English built ships of fifty guns here in the reign of William and Mary, and their prospect of beating their neighbours' sons by a sort of back-blow, was too brilliant for parents to dwell with much fondness on their own's staying to hoe Indian corn and cut salt grass here in Ballyhack, till they slept with their fathers, with one unmarked stone at their head and another at their foot, full of years, labours, simplicity and rum. There were no charms to the eternal and hereditary hoe: "von einer heldenhand zur andern erbt sich der unbesiegte stahl." The Piscataqua country was in full communication with the rest of the British empire and identified with the English navy. John was sent to the school of the celebrated Major Samuel Hale. He there learned most of what he ever learned, except from the world: some progress he unquestionably made, for his industry was tolerable and his memory truly uncommon. He never, during our knowledge, was seen to read: but like others, whose libraries have been limited, he sometimes startled by his astonishing memory of particular books: some of which probably made part of the scanty collection his mother could get hold of, and them he read when young. However some would dispute his ever having heard of the book, we have heard him spout Pope's Homer to children when past seventy. The passages, we think, required only the Dual number: he spouted them with great spirit. He had really some knowledge of Latin. Art, ambition and gayety marked his boyhood.

John Langdon, with his brother, turned from his paternal acres to a counting-house. He then went to sea, like many others of the time, as captain, supercargo and owner of vessels of his own building. We believe, he in seamen's phrase, crept in at the cabin window, and had no experience of seamanship except as a commander. This, however short a cut to mastering a profession, seems to do well in practice to this day, to judge from its frequency: for against the notion that the way to learn to command is to learn to obey, it is conceded, that though it take twenty years to make a good seaman, a much better captain of a ship than common may be made in six

months. The navigation of New-England was very active, the English lion saw his whelps spring with his own instinct on their first prey: and it is unquestionable that the ratio of increase of people and business in the colonies for a few years before the American war was as great as it has ever been in the United States. During this period of his life, he was in London repeatedly, where he formed an acquaintance with a young gentleman from the County of Devon, then an under clerk in a Portsmouth house, who afterward grew into the late well-known wealthy Mr. Robert Pulsford, of London. We ourselves saw Mr. Pulsford, when between eighty and ninety years of age, who spoke of him as still a youngster, recalled their early friendship and the dreams of his youth: extolled the manly beauty of Mr. Langdon: had he seen him in his eightieth year, he would have learned the difference between youth and age.

He soon found himself whirled in a current which turned out to be that of the American war: he was born a Provincial and had not sprung from the close aristocracy of the little colony: his political instinct was undeceivable: he joined the popular party. His first attempt on the stage of rebellion was no failure: and took place in December, 1774: when he helped to seize the English military stores in a fort of the Piscataqua, as soon as news was brought from Boston of the English order in council in relation to their exportation by Mr. Revere. Surrounding a fort with five men in it by four hundred, will come with difficulty under the head of a military movement; but it was a political date. The getting one hundred barrels of gunpowder and the arms was something: we forget how many barrels General Washington said was all the city of New-York could furnish about those days: but the weakest of all English ministries in talents, majorities and active power, had not energy enough to have fortified and kept this noble naval station. This measure must have prevented any resistance, ruinous to themselves, on the part of the royalists of the colony, who, with offices and prophetic fears of democracy and the high popularity of the governour Wentworth, who, born in New-Hampshire, devoted his youthful energy to her advancement, and was said to live in it in those days at the rate of thirty thousand dollars a year, were in secret some party or other; bound the people of the river to the popular party; and shown the public that a man was ready to go all lengths, who was supposed to know his own interest better than common, and, a somewhat animating circumstance to his followers in the leader of a revolutionary party, even in that golden age of virtue, who was supposed to have a good deal to lose. It is represented by strong authority, that this political measure was wholly Mr. Langdon's: but we are not disposed to argue the question.

In : 1775 : he was sent delegate to the Congress at Philadelphia, which he attended as appears from its journals, and was chairman of committees: his name is first signed to the petition to the King: he was sent thence to Ticonderoga, in company with Livingstone and Paine, as a committee of Congress, to look to the state of Schuyler's army, the safety of Ticonderoga, provide for the listing of troops and instigate the Canadians to revolt: in which last object the committee seem to have failed. In January : 1776 : he was chosen

delegate again. This congress put out its Declaration of Independence of the English crown. We have looked up the certificate of his election as delegate, which seems to explain his name's not being affixed to it like some others' names not there: it vindicates him to some extent from the charge of wanting the right instinct of notoriety. "Colony of New Hampshire, &c., January 23d : 1776: *Voted* that Josiah Bartlett, John Langdon, and William Whipple, Esquires, be and hereby are appointed delegates to represent this colony in the continental Congress at Philadelphia, for the term of one year from this time, any one of them in the absence of the other to have full power to represent this colony, and that not more than two of them attend at one time," &c. This was presented by Whipple: and his and Bartlett's being in Congress explains its wanting Mr. Langdon's name. Absent he was of course, for he was engrossed in business for Congress in the office of continental agent, to which he had just been appointed. Matthew Thornton, whose name is put to it, was neither present, nor chosen a delegate till September 2d : 1776: and then for a year from the date of his election, which appears from his certificate, presented : November 4 : 1776: and three names are at war with the vote of the colony. Mr. Langdon some way or other missed having his name immortalized in this celebrated document, the historical importance of which, is exceeded by none, though a certain effeminate crispness of arrangement and language does not just suit a national proclamation, expected by everybody, to be sustained by other courses than talking, and the reasons of which nobody wanted to have any explanation of at all.

Mr. Langdon was now employed in building and fitting out ships of war for Congress, as Speaker of the House of Representatives for New Hampshire, committee of safety man, banker, and if the truth be known, we suppose something of a money-finder and manager-general, in this quarter, for Congress, throughout the war. He built, amongst others, and fitted out the sloop of war Ranger, in which Jones started on his dashing career. The American part of the Chevalier's crew, with which he took the Serapis, sailed with him from Portsmouth, though a majority of his crew, on that occasion, seem to have been foreigners, from the roll. Mr. Langdon also built the only ship of the line built by Congress; intended for the heroic chevalier, but given to the King of France, and taken by Lord Howe in the battle of the channel; we think so: somebody has told us that she was known to the English by the name of L'Impetueux; we have no means of ascertaining the subsequent history of this Portsmouth ship: if she was the ship afterwards known by that name, long the flag-ship of Sir Edward Pellew, she was the one allowed to be the most perfect of her class in the English navy; we believe, however, she was not the ship so long Lord Exmouth's. Mr. Langdon had a turn for ships, and was master of that business. He had also upon his hands the frequent presence of French ships of war in the river. (To show the exactness of rural memory, an old neighbour, past eighty, told us that French seamen used to come up to the creek to her dwelling in those days, every word she caught from them, she kept good French sixty years without knowing what it meant, and their hanging up her turkeys they bought to the

rafters by the head, to cut through their necks with a cutlass, and see the turkeys flounder and their blood spout on her floor, was not like to have been a story forged by her, and looks the twilight of that glorious day of liberty which burst on the great nation with so much lustre and so soon.) Mr. Langdon also made war on his Majesty on his private account: and found time to go as an officer of volunteers to the campaign of Saratoga and to Rhode Island: a rare and probably intentional pattern of modesty in one of the most conspicuous gentlemen of the popular party, when Congress was embarrassed and perplexed in the extreme with the conflicting pretensions of its own officers to command. He was employed in every sort of business for the popular party. People unacquainted with his local reputation, may rest assured that without arraying the facts, we can give no idea of how much he did, without notoriety or remuneration. He was now in the vigor of his years. His turning the public mind in our little State, in favor of launching a small domestic force under Stark and Whipple, which gave rise to the affair of Bennington, and turned into one of the most fortunate currents of events for the popular party of the American War, is the most noted of his numerous services: rather an anomalous incident to a life the reverse of military.

Stark, a capital battalion officer, if not in the sharp operations of modern war, a great deal more, was unemployed at home: at variance with his former masters with good reason. It was idle in people taken up with organizing rebellion upon the basis of popular principles, to expect their subordinates not to set their claims upon public opinion. Stark was faithful as well as turbulent and vain. He resented the insult by not telling Congress of his victory and refusing to obey its officers, but turned from disaffection to his party. Similar folly on the part of Congress helped to drive Arnold into the most indefensible of all sorts of treason. The popular reputation of both stood justly high: the services of neither to their party in the field could be gainsaid. Both should have been promoted, or broken for some specified charge. Arnold Congress did not like to touch, for it involved the notoriousness of a dishonest, villainous life, in a very brilliant officer's being perfectly known to it while it employed him. Stark it dared not touch at all; though he was just such a man as it must have hated. His reputation with his soldiers and with his people, was not of a sort for Congress to tamper with. Both errors of Congress helped the cause by the way. Stark's being loose from it, got him this independent command, so lucky a casualty for the popular party, and the horror produced by Arnold's treason, was taken advantage of to confound the ignominious villainy of treating with one party whilst in high command for another, with a very different sort of transgression, and hold up the thunder of the public wrath over a change of political opinion; the popular party had now no changes to fear like those of the Marshals of the Empire. But to our story.

Burgoyne made his snail-like absurd expedition. It would seem rather strange that some hogsheads of rum, a private gentleman's plate, whose fortune was not more than would be a competence for a well to do sort of tradesman now, and three thousand dollars, could turn the doubtful current of

events, bring to pass so brilliant and unexpected a little triumph in the field, lead to surrounding an army, and so enlighten Europe as to the look of the game, that the most powerful of subsisting monarchies could not forbear to have a hand in it. Such is the New Hampshire legend. The success of Congress's troops was moderate: Washington's well founded and heroically carried through system of concentration and secresy was misunderstood; New Hampshire had furnished her men and they were gone. The original burst of speed of fiery patriotism was to give place to the severe rate of serious and prolonged war. The popular party of New Hampshire felt no particular call to back Stark, neglected by the great men of the earth, when they themselves, from his temper both petulant and unyielding, or their leaders, were glad to get him out of the way. Mr. Langdon had, all his life, the skill to do what people in the end would be pleased with, without his associates getting a pretence to pick objections. Wary by nature, he may have seen that it was not only too late to go back, but that it was the very time to go forward: he was looked on as a dispassionate and safe man; one that the politically timorous might follow without risk to themselves, and that would make a ticklish business go down with the friends of the young and eager as well as them. His voice went a good way. Burgoyne's back door campaign, when uniting such an army with the other, by the straight road of the ocean, would have crushed Washington, was of course, the whole of it, on the part of the English ministry, what Congress should have prayed for; and under the circumstances, he could be waited upon by a force from New Hampshire and Vermont, and struck at pleasure, if such a force were worth a copper, with no chance of returning the blow, except he separated his army or changed the design of his operations; doing either of which was certain ruin: what looked bold was the safest thing in the world. If Mr. Langdon did not see this and went with the stream as to the danger, it throws into the strongest light his devotion to his party: and at this political, if not military crisis, as the legend has it, then Speaker of the Representatives, he thus addressed the House: the words we take from the life of Stark: for we never heard Mr. Langdon speak about the business in the course of our lives. "Gentlemen: I have three thousand dollars in hard money: I will pledge my plate for three thousand more: I have seventy hogsheads of Tobago rum, which shall be sold for the most it will bring. These are at the service of the State. If we succeed in defending our firesides and homes, I may be remunerated; if we do not, the property will be of no value to me. Our old friend Stark, who so nobly maintained the honour of our State at Bunker's Hill, may be safely entrusted with the conduct of the enterprise, and we will check the progress of Burgoyne." The speech is probably made: but a man's being ready to give his whole fortune, who loved money, argues a heroic devotion to his party, and has mute eloquence enough in itself: or a political presence of mind and confidence that it would carry the day, very advantageous to his party at that season. How much was given and how much repaid we have never ripped up: it was, we suppose, the fair price of political power. The right nail was hit on the head: and three of the most meritorious forwarders of the cause were doubtless Stark, Langdon and Burgoyne himself.

Stark was taken up by a man that could do it: New Hampshire and her neighbors armed their sons and sent them to the field themselves: Burgoyne detached some German troops, nobody knows what for, except to give these a chance to catch and destroy them, and get everybody to rise that had not risen before; and come out that was waiting to see which was the strongest side: New-England laughed at her fears of his veterans, nine-tenths of the English part of which, like enough, had never fired a gun in their lives, and were the people least fit for military service of all England: all New-England rose; his army was surrounded; a shock given to the notion of the superiority of the English in the field, from which, when they were become veterans, with all their subsequent triumphs, they did not recover throughout the war: and Louis the Sixteenth began his judicious and fortunate reign with revenging the Commissioner of Dunkirk, to have his ships, his money and his armies called for by his natural allies as if they were theirs, to be jockeyed by them in a clandestine peace with the people he quarrelled with in their cause, to make a very distinguished finish to the reign so sagely begun, and send the people, that even he saw were starting an avalanche, to ask the charity of that England they were so furious to humble. Rum was in those days a currency: not because people were more drunkards than now: but because what could be kept without hurt, was less bulky for its worth, which could be bartered in small fixed quantities and the market rate of which every body knew, was a better one than beef, lumber or hay. Paper money would not go, and bullion they had little, for the return voyages were with goods and rum. Our fathers though did drink. Congress prescribed to its sailors half a pint a day and without stint in time of action: and the custom of paying labourers their wages entirely in rum, which was common about here before and after, does not argue a very fortunate social organization. Stark's trophies that he sent New-Hampshire of his victory are said to have been lost sight of and sold at auction: and the letters from Gen. Washington and others to Mr. Langdon and the leading men here, in the gloom of the American war, to the amount of a couple of bushels, to have been sold to a pedlar to grind into pasteboard. This last story is rather tough: but two French pieces of cannon are made an excuse for keeping from a Portsmouth Company of Artillery a couple of new ones; useless as cannon and trophies of Louisburgh. This is true and the other is said to be. Since this was first written, these guns fortunately for the company, burst: the New-Hampshire General Court, not France, replaces the guns.

About this time Mr. Langdon buried his father, of which the little we ever heard him say was creditable to the honest yeoman, but adorned this period of his life, by getting married at the age of thirty-eight, for the first and only time, to Miss Elizabeth Sherburne, then sixteen: a young lady of the oldest stock of Strawberry Bank; one like himself of the numerous descendants of the earliest Sherburnes; and likewise of the Wentworths, Cuttses and other names beside her own, who thought themselves better than other folks in the little colony. But her family was not distinguished however for loyalty to the crown. Her uncle, Henry Sherburne, had long been mainspokesman and movementman of his little world. He had been Speaker of its House

ten years in succession, and representative twenty, delegate to the first general Congress ever held in the colonies, which was at Albany : 1754 : and so on : a political genius in a small sphere, but grew to as large a top as the soil would allow : her father, though an officer of the crown, joined the popular party : her brother [John] Samuel Sherburne, afterward member of Congress and Judge, when young, a man of showy talents, walked on a wooded leg for them for the rest of his life : a cousin [Edward] was killed at the battle of Germantown : and William Whipple, one of the most thorough-going of the popular party, was her mother's first cousin and married to her mother's sister : which worthy lady, an inmate of our family in our youthful days, had not, on the verge of ninety, recovered from her indignation at making the peace of : 1783 : or any other peace with England at all : and proud of her descent from a Cromwellian officer, a colonist of the County of York, of the name of Hammond, took it hard our honoured father's refusing to name one of his five sons after the Protector and in sport naming him after the Pretender. Her worthy husband was bred a seaman, went to see the coast of Guinea, signed the declaration of independence, rose to some reputation as an officer, where he was known, was delegate to Congress more times than one, and after these preparatory studies, became Mr. Justice Whipple. This marriage of Mr. Langdon's, notwithstanding the difference of age, was the happiest it has been our fortune to see. Mr. Langdon's only brother, though his name is on the town records, as protesting against some of the early proceedings of the popular party, also joined it in the American war and the Republican party of the United States, but though on friendly terms with his brother, did not much co-operate with him through life. He, and not Mr. John Langdon, amongst other exploits, built the fine house in the village : now a hotel. In temper he was indeed not like his brother ; being as fond of the struggle as the other of success : but an equally remarkable personage, and of powerful talents. He was delegate to Congress, in the latter part of the American war : honoured us by serving us in various offices here : and became Mr. Justice Langdon : without the least law-education ; being about the best Judge of his day. He seldom condescended to hold a court : and resigned and accepted the office of commissioner to examine and determine the accounts of the States : on the threat of an impeachment, it is said : if he did, the most unlike himself act of his life, that he should have troubled himself about it. The Langdons seem to have had similar likings from the beginning : for he married the daughter of Henry Sherburne. He was in England during the American war, and is said to have been courted for the sake of information by Lord George Germain. There is possibly some foundation for the story, though accounts of the adventures of the heroes of a little world away from home are not always entitled to much attention, for Woodbury Langdon's imposing address and extraordinary beauty set a mark upon him, and in him Lord Sackville must have found a congenial spirit, just about as acute, haughty and ambiguous as his own. Whether he undertook to tell the English ministry, as Doctor Franklin did, that no man in the colonies, at first, thought of separating them from England, we never heard. A few years after the American war, Mr. Langdon buried his mother, to

whom, and to his sisters, his conduct was perfect. The house in which she lived and died we pulled down last year; and though it usually had held a very large family, no death had taken place in it since hers: a period of more than fifty years.

The long, melancholy, perplexed and unfathomable drama of the American war was past: the separation from England was effected: the new-born nation feasted with England's humiliation: and the officers of a little standing army looked for the glory of the whole. The names of most of the great men, conspicuous at its beginning, of most of the metaphysical politicians so vehement, had gradually died into an echo: such organization as its latter days had shown, military or civil, had been in the hands of George Washington and Governeur Morris. Mr. Langdon had been immersed where he could get little fame, in such naval schemes as the rcsources his party could spare, gave him to execute: with the dying efforts of the central government he had little to do: the people's war had been transferred to the South. His being out of Congress keeps us from knowing how he had been affected toward General Washington: it is plain from his subsequent manner of proceeding that he would stand by such a man, when he thought what he called his country, would lose if he let it alone. The conspiracy prematurely exploded by some officious people came from no organized party: there is no trace of it. But the simultaneous resting of so many names greater than Mr. Langdon's, is not to be cleared up by thinking that patriots liked ever to forego consummating things themselves. Congress's standing army had been suffering cruelly and its officers were to be turned off to starve: the phases of historick proclamations, senatorial careers and so forth had been followed by another; but whether the little standing army went through half as much from bare feet and tattered breeches, or its officers from spending the vigour of life, as the getters up of the American war did because they were not in the foreground and the others were, we do not know: whoever reads deeply into the documents of that war, finds General Washington, now and then, in a very lowering atmosphere; or reads and understands his letters, finds him not so far from imperious and plain-spoken when he thought he was right; a somewhat awkward customer to refuse obedience to: in contact with whom the self-love of other patriots did not snuff a very exhilarating vapour. We believe Mr. Langdon to have been one of the very few, that favoured him in such times, then and afterward again connected with a great many men of political consequence in the war. A nutshell kicked out of history, holds some of our political history of the last sixty years. Who were known, suspected or like to have been scorched by General Washington's glory, or chilled by its reflection from his satellites, to have felt in truth, the presence of the Camp and the approach of the Palace, were afterward found among Mr. Jefferson's friends.

In the dark and wearisome days about which nobody reads, from its triumphant close to the process of gestation of the constitution of the United States, Mr. Langdon was either Speaker of its House of Representatives, or President of this State: its leader without party. He was, we believe, also delegate to Congress during this forgotten period: he was always in some

office or other. He was chosen delegate to the convention called to fabricate a constitution for the United States, chosen President of the State again, delegate to the New-Hampshire convention to accept it, succeeded with others in getting it accepted by New-Hampshire, which being the ninth State, it went into operation on her acceptance, as appears from the congratulatory letter written to him of General Washington : he was then directly chosen Senator of the United States, which office he held twelve years. The first Congress met at New York : 1789 : he was chosen President of the Senate for the occasion, and there being neither President nor Vice President installed, the remark that he was the first acting President of the United States, is of course true. As President of the Senate he informed President Washington of his election, by the hands of Charles Thomson formally in the following letter : "Sir : I have the honour to transmit to your Excellency the information of your unanimous election to the office of President of the United States of America : suffer me, Sir, to indulge the hope, that so auspicious a work of publick confidence will meet with your approbation, and be considered as a pledge of the affection and support you are to expect from a free and enlightened people. I am, Sir, with sentiments of respect, your obedient servant, John Langdon." It is creditable to him to have sent in those days so simple a letter : his Democratic spirit had more than budded ; for the rest of the proceedings with respect to Washington, not the first blossom of his party's folly, had the cast of an accession to the crown. Mr. Langdon, unlike some of his strongest friends, before and after, was one of the most effective vindicators of the policy of this new step of establishing the constitution in the States : so far he belonged to President Washington's party : with many of this party, however, he did not mean a triumph at the people's expense : whether the selection Washington made of a young gentleman afterward of some notoriety, was to conciliate an influential man, we do not know : but Mr. Tobias Lear was a sort of connexion, and his ancestors had lived on Sagamore's creek, immediately adjoining the Langdons from the first : both were descended from Elizabeth Sherburne : and Mr. Lear's father's mother was sister to Mr. Langdon's mother : scandal was glad to get a chance to surmise more, without a shadow of truth, and a real relationship subsisted. Mr. Lear's penetration and vigilance were soon properly estimated by President Washington's friend, Mr. Jefferson. Mr. Langdon, when first in the Senate, was thought to lean to President Washington's politicks, though his intimacy with a list of other great names of the American war had not been broken off : by his political courage, the best fitted for tempestuous seasons, he was likewise, by his instinctive good breeding and finished gentlemanliness, the best fitted man in the world to float without dispute or censure through the changeable and intricate : the softness of his demeanour was that of the Gaulish river described by the immortal Julius in his "*de bello gallico*" : "*flumen est quod per fines influit incredibile lenitate : ita ut oculis, in utram partem fluat, judicari non possit.*" His earliest votes in the Senate we do not know according to book : not having got hold of the journal complete in the New-Hampshire State library : but Mr. Langdon acted in concert at first with persons who proceeded to travel a very different

road from himself. He soon afterward became one of those, in whom his countrymen pretended to wonder at the unknown phenomenon of a gentleman's being a Democrat (rather a startling sentiment by the way to come from most of them, we suppose the intoxication over night was followed in the morning by distaste of the same liquor), till his party carried the day, to be held up ever since by the men that were ready to hang them, as models of political virtue in the days of trial. His long service as Senator soon fell, when past his fiftieth year, upon the stormiest of political times, in which it was his fortune to be found in very fierce opposition to most of those with whom many have been most proud to be numbered.

Different reasons led different men and different reasons led the same men to their finally mortal resistance to President Washington's scheme of politicks, though the full curl of the surf did not rise till after his administration was closed: some of these reasons were not Mr. Langdon's, though his intimate acquaintance from the beginning of the American war with some people whose reasons they were, might have exposed him to their imputation. The establishment of their constitution found in the bosom of the United States a great many men of political consequence, and uncommonly able men, in no extraordinary degree gratified with the development of the passion of hero-worship in their republick with respect to its long real and now official head: or the prospect of its consequences to the character stamped on their government, setting out on its career. Why historians have not found out that the disaffection to him and his circle during the American war is worth historical inquiry, though subsequently disclaimed from various reasons, not the force of his party nor the popularity of the political principles most of them were suspected to hold and ultimately showed: why they persist in treating it as a golden age, is none of our business. If the reverend publisher of his correspondence, which is the only history of the American war which is true, would tell all he knows, we might learn something about it. The war was going to be finished, not by the enthusiastick rising of a people, not by the triumph of ideology, but the beaten track of a standing army, requisition, taxation, publick debt, secret state-policy, the overshadowing alliance of a despotick power: and to the glory of one man. The war made superficial statesmen talk more about the virtue of subordination to a central government, (they were wrong, for twenty dictated peaces would not have reabsorbed the colonies in the empire,) than any war that ever took place, when it was expected to prove that a fierce love of freedom (the growth of our soil), and the spontaneous efforts of such children were not to be subdued: and when plenty looked for its showering down laurels on so many provincial leaders, had overwhelmed one man with more praise from the whole world, than ever was given so cordially, sincerely, and so justly before. This was not the intended catastrophe of the piece. There were other reasons to doubt whether the further elevation of General Washington and the triumph of his friends would fill with satisfaction every secret heart: when historians draw from the height to which the distresses of the central government finally reached, conclusions of the real weakness of the thirteen States, we are, from another view of human nature, and

human nature in the aspirations of equality, disposed to draw other conclusions that when some ambitious and far-seeing men saw that this war was to bring to a party of which General Washington was the head the glory, they left them to fight it for themselves. In party-language, at the establishment of the constitution, they found themselves not "the Men": the incense of the war they meant for their own nostrils had gone to other people's: the constitution was established by those people in their own despite: with a man at their head, whom they envied and had wanted to ruin, the pride of his country and the glory of his age, the same people stood triumphant and enthroned. Disinclination to President Washington's administration would have subsisted, if he and his friends had promulgated Any principles of civil government.

Better reasons than some of these, were said to open Mr. Langdon's eyes to the swiftness with which the current of events in which he was whirled was hurrying his republick to the cataract of monarchical government. The popularity of President Washington glared like the mid-day sun: he was a monarch without the name: the incense burnt to it disgusted himself. His pre-eminence as the noblest of his nation might be supported, but not its being turned to a political machine for getting people used to the method, ushering the disguised forms and tempting them to stamp with the simplicity and concentrated energy of absolute power, a new government. This it was thought, it was Known some of his party meant to try to do with it. The United States were about as ready to sit down here as the eaglet is to give up flying, when he has struck his first prey, when the screams of his victim and the rushing of his plumage are ringing in his ears, and he knows that he is an eagle. Nor was President Washington so prudent and guarded in his language and correspondence as he might have been, in the military notions of discipline and coercion he had always breathed so boldly to provincial authorities, in his panegyricks upon his own party, or the invectives he launched at the other. His correspondence is a perpetual attack upon the genius of democratick government. "He put more faith in coercion than persuasion: the opposition to his constitution he impatiently ascribed to unprincipled men: he found more wickedness than ignorance in the conduct of the States; or those that had too much influence over them." So he said. Centralizing this incongrous confederation, its patronage to be managed by the sattellites of a court, the provincial deputies to be drawn to a great town, to make sport of their boorishness and take advantage of their inexperience, surpassed the power of the men he kept about him; but they touched a very vibrating string. Strong reasons, and some thwarting, not indulgence of his ambition, must have concurred with Mr. Langdon's conduct here. He was master of the principles of money: and to no man did nature ever give with a less sparing hand every gift, or stronger instinct to use them, that would impower their owner to wreath, insinuate and please; to command success in such a sphere. He was born for a court. Mr. Jefferson, who as a philosophick democrat hated soldiers', orators' or financiers' meddling with the march of the Democratick Principle, soon discovered a dissatisfaction he had never been much suspected of wanting to smother.

Mr. Langdon professed his first doubts to have been raised by what he saw himself. In the faction that soon appropriated President Washington, some villainy he saw, more tendency to what in the end must have called upon villainy to complete and support it: and boundless folly. We must give some force to his pertinaciously expressed opinion, with every allowance for the after-heat of party, or his mistaking the real nature of vain and noisy men like John Adams or the bantering and ironical Secretary of the Treasury. But we will make no half-defence of Mr. Langdon here. We will not seek to extenuate that for which we honour him. Let both parties have equal audience. The views of the party in power contradicted the great scheme of politicks which every democratick heart burned to establish. He had a right to attack them. Its course went to plunge the States into the very evils they had been twenty years boasting to Europe they could and meant to keep clear of. He was bound to sound the alarm. We have no pity for the men he helped to put down. If they thought this course best for the States, they were dishonest men: for their right to choose principles of government for themselves, they, these very men had written on the flag of a rebellion, whose success was shaking to its deepest foundation every government in the world, with it in their mouths they had cried to their country, the world and their God, had sworn to live and to die: if they meant to be dishonest men; had meant it always; they were bunglers and let the cat out of the bag too soon. To get the boundless future of such a nation out of such hands, so incapable or so wicked, it makes no difference which, it was full time. Mr. Langdon at first acted for himself: watching some of the party, but friendly and intimate with President Washington. He had gradually joined himself to Mr. Jefferson's fortunes, and when thoroughly, remained his unflinching political supporter for the rest of his life. He had some political connexion with Mr. Jefferson before the last went to France. this had not been in the way of his thorough-going co-operation with General Washington and his friends in establishing the new government.

President Washington had no metaphysical principles of government. The European pamphleteer of the present day, after sixty years of movement, would say: "That though there be no shadow of proof that he thought a less Democratick plan than yours could execute itself amongst you; yet he turned with contempt from the fancy of the day that the propensities of the seed of Adam were to be suspended by thirty-nine men's scheming him out a government: he knew the fallen human race too well to harbour doctrines which were nothing but the old song of the perfectibility of man, which his heart told him was an imposture and an impious cheat: but he must have seen in their right light the presumptuous spirits that took upon themselves to stop or turn to the uses of an order the torrent he and they had busied themselves to let loose: he must have seen, through the smoke of the incense that stifled him, that the rebellion of the colonies was the commencement of a movement: he could not be such a fool as to expect that he and his friends were to have a monopoly of it to themselves: with all his belief in order and form, he must have been conscious, whatever he said and however he acted, that the execution of every sort of a government he could set up, must rest on the

unmixed despotism of the publick will, which, whenever it pleased, would rise and sweep away its own establishments and every thing else it pleased away with them." If President Washington knew that what he had seen in that his day, was but the promise of more to come: that the establishment of his constitution here, was but a pause in a drama acting in the world: an episode; the fruit of an accident, the confidence of a nation in him: he might not have tried to make that constitution, and the financial schemes foisted on us through it by a faction, stop the Principle's heavings, which had thrown up the new republick, himself, and his constitution with him. But our friend has not read the correspondence of the first President of the United States. If he did know this, he should have acted, as a politician, then on what he knew: not have forced on his country what he knew it did not want to have; when a democracy can only thrive upon food it chooses for itself. His own popularity was the basis of the new government: it made the constitution and upheld it. This he never discovered or was honestly loath to believe. The French revolution took him by surprise; its tumultuous and murderous harangues filled him with astonishment: their echo here, the attacks upon himself and the discontent about his policy, he could not understand and laid to foreign emissaries and the malice of unprincipled men. Like the worthy farmer of Kentucky wondering to see his sons and negroes die in his field, ignorant that the Indian Cholera might get, Had Got to the United States. When we read that he took the trouble to affect to make the French government or the young men who meant to govern France by pillage and murder, think that he wished well to their revolution; that he positively took offence at Genet and confounded his froth with the real course of that great tragedy, that he looked for a French army in the Southern States, that he charged the growth of the Democratick party to Democratick societies and Democratick demagogues, and saw no deeper than That: when we see the noble old man stemming the fresh swiftness of the currrent with his own virtues, the financial schemes of his Secretary of the Treasury and the constitution of the United States (!) we do not wonder that nothing but his hastened death saved such a party-leader from seeing the ruin of his party. Can we blame Mr. Langdon for leaving, as a politician, such a party to its destinies? No: we cannot: if he had ever espoused its principles. As little as a man of honour: for every body knows he never had.

Mr. Langdon said, Mr. Jefferson said, and many others that ought to have known, that the conduct of a faction showed plain enough, that in their hands the constitution of the general government and systems it enabled them to mature, some of which the first ought to know something about, for he voted in company with them for most of them himself, would fasten on the republick what they and none better knew it had pledged itself to the world to abhor. Most of them, the first ones, went upon a principle in earnest and some avowed it: others did not. Honest in nature many of them were: they meant to cheat the nation for its own good. They Dared not leave a government out of stipulated, known and tried hands: they Dared not trust the people with political power. Very good: a not very doubtful majority of the wisest and best of mankind have been strangely wanting in

courage in this regard too. Hamilton spoke out. He stands up before us unarraigned for hypocrisy. "Inconsistency? We must recommend him to the mercy of the court. If his precocious part in the American war be damning proof of his having ever aided and abetted in putting out such a doctrine as that a people is fit to govern itself, of having waved aloft himself the incendiary's torch, the jury is so satisfied that he does not mean to put out such doctrines again, that we hope his sentence will be light." President Washington tried to suspend his decision. But President Washington now made two mistakes that were fatal indeed. Notwithstanding this constitution was carried through with the utmost difficulty, a feather just turning the scale, with such a popularity as, were it never so well founded, must have had some human fluctuations, with all this of his on one side of the beam, he proceeded to raise on it a system of policy, which he thought vital to his people doubtless, but which, but for him, they would have never dreamed of setting up. Such an effort to force the fortunes of his country, shows his unacquaintance with the most essential principles of successful democratick government. And more: he neither expected, nor at first understood the French revolution and the spirit it sent stalking abroad, and ascribed the whole trouble, one half of which was temporary, to Democratick principles; and their propagator here, the Democratick Party. From his letters he was at last shocked, exasperated and frightened. We should like to see a record of his reflexions the last two years of his life. Instead of attacking him in form, the forbearance toward him was extraordinary; and shows his power: the father of his country and the head of a faction was paid more deference than the goodwill alone of a party nothing but his known hostility kept down, was like to pay him: but it was too much to look for, that no eyes should ever be evil towards the impregnable strong hold, which their enemies had got into, and from which they played such heavy artillery upon them: or that in the republick he had himself helped to establish, no bad men should be found, to hate him for the virtues that had placed him above them. Hamilton saw the worthy President's popularity would not do the business: even that could not carry the weight and threatened to treat such trainers to a break-down: Robespierre and Marat did not frighten enough, and unfortunately the beautiful truths they issued from the bosom of the French tribune, seem to charm more than they amazed. The secretary of the treasury saw love nor fear would answer: he had a scheme. Unquestionably a scheme of governing them well, willing or no to be so, is a discovery of interest to the human race: philosophers have been trying these five thousand years to find such a specifick; Alexander Hamilton said he had found it: and it turned out to be the old one every body knew of before, of Corruption, to be administered in the lately discovered vehicle of the modern Credit System. Different characters have been huckstering with it ever since: he meant to cheat the people for their good; the others for their own. He wanted a strong government for his confederation and he thought he knew his countrymen too well to act on aught but their love of gain: when he said so, he at least deserves the credit of impatient and out-spoken honesty. His successors proceeded to subject the republick to the moneyed power, not to hold up the

constitution, the working such machines by such people as he handed them over to for any body's good but their own, such principles as that soon slept with their fathers, through funding, banking, assumption, internal improvement, American system and railway systems, with the same contempt of all constitutions and common law. The inspired high priest of Mammon did not guess so badly that the Spirit of evil would pick out that personage for his vicar on this part of the earth: though he lived not to see the worship of his master established in the land. He should have survived the persecution and dispersion of his brotherhood, to see on every hill and in every grove the smoke of that idol's altars; to see the nation that broke them to pieces kneeling to adore: to see them once and again dragging to the sacrifice their country and their rights, amidst the triumph of their enemies, the pity of their friends and the contempt of the whole world. Of a truth the Tempter knows his trade, keeps up with Transatlantick revelations in the art of government, suits his wares to the market, and has his delusions ready for every country as well as every age. The course of this nation is not to confusion and agrarianism, but to the lust of gain and its frantick idolatry: to laugh at those of others and bow down before darker idols of its own. So much for the Hamilton party: Mr. Langdon soon opposed it: though a man that loved money, at an age when it gets the upper hand, that was prone to banking and funding, to whom such atmospheres were familiar and congenial, that knew how to make it and keep it, and felt no envy of others that did so too.

Another party took the broad ground that the time was at last come to try metaphysical principles of government: and were for proceeding to do it: that the world must sometimes be badly governed they knew as well as other people; but for this they saw no remedy in a great deal of governing: they were for letting loose the Democratic Principle to work for itself. They said it was folly to try to half-develop a principle, to which they could see no earthly bound, and in tampering with which they were ten times as like to go wrong as right. Some said it Ought to be let loose; others said They were bound to, for every body had heard their Promise to let it loose: others knew it was let loose Already, and were looking to see, like the fisherman in the tale, the gloomy and unearthly grandeur of the genius growing in the air before their eyes. They did not think they were men to conjure that spirit back into his box. They were for acting as pure, abstract Democrats, as far as they could: some hoping, and some knowing that nothing could permanently do any thing with it. The idea of people that had thrown off the government they were born under to set up a democracy's binding themselves with their eyes open, or keeping such a bond made with them shut, after they had got them open again, one might suppose would never have entered the head of any man of common sense, a bond not to do whatever they had a mind to whenever they pleased: and this party took up the only honest ground there was. Unfortunately for the historick harmony of their conduct with the purity of their ideas, to establish one Principle, they went into partnership with an element of the other in its strongest form. To this party Mr Jefferson belonged by nature, ambition and the love of experiment

and notoriety: Mr. Langdon joined it from political instinct and the love of pleasing: their conduct was governed by imperative circumstances.

For a third party, stronger in itself and more straight-forward in action than either, with never a traitor in its camp, soon taught the last the difference between theory and instant practice; joined it to itself and has dictated the policy of this great republick. The League so contradictory to look at, had in it some ingredients of affinity to each other: in both Parties the country interest predominated. The same class seems, much of it, to have ranked itself in this League amongst us that in England so long endured devoted to the faith of Rome, then Royalist, High Church, Jacobite and Tory, which last it is chiefly still; the party of the towns leaning the mean while to Calvinistick, Republican, Whig and Radical. The great interest at the bottom of the League, its enemies have been known to urge, might see in a connexion with the propagators of the Democratick Principle, and the warm attachment they professed to it themselves, a chance to answer those who might ask them to turn their propagandist spirit to themselves. Be that as it may, they retorted with great success and no small truth, that the minutely-penetrating tyranny of the counting-house was more galling to a democrat than hereditary distinctions. Well then: it is obviously impossible that such an important modification of the Democratic Principle as the hereditary slavery of the common people could subsist in half the United States without a marked influence upon their parties. The zealous endeavors of the great South to establish the triumph of the Democratic Principle in the abstract, for which the world owes it so much, would be accompanied with the qualification that the compact, of which our constitution was the happy fruit, should not expose them to any premature and untoward extension of it to themselves. To the great South is the republic consequently chiefly under obligation, and to the fortunate warmth of sensibility and clearness of argument with which it propagated its doctrines for establishing the principle, so essential to the harmonious vigor of a confederated government, that the municipal policy of each State must be kept from the uncalled-for interference on the part of a majority of the others. The struggle in Europe in which five million of men lost their lives, the slaughter of her peasants, the storming of her cities, the burning of her towns, the guillotining men, women and children if they stayed at home to interfere with the government, and shooting them if they went off, which might give strength to the enemy, they loudly cheered: and this is upon record: "Such people justly suffered; they oppose (not the application of the Principle, that we do too, but the Principle itself) a Principle: the price shows the value of the goods." The great South had espoused the same principle and propagated it every where but at home with a zeal which left no doubt that their not doing it there too was regard for the interest of the African race. The States Rights Party is the growth of the South. The State of New-York amongst the others once talked it; but we can remember when in New-Hampshire we found it unknown, and a task to explain it. The States Rights doctrine is the growth of the South: and joking apart, it deserves the thanks of the republick, whatever its motives, for upholding it as it has done. This is but part of the deep obli-

gation the republick must be sensible of. An agricultural people by custom and compulsion, their healthier nerves the sooner warned it of the progress of the infectious atmosphere of the counting-house in the confederation; they pronounced the whole American Credit system an anaconda, by which they and their children were to be charmed, slimed, devoured and digested. Here they did get on the same road with the Party above named: which without their powerful aid looked unlike to move their wheel. A lasting alliance took place between them and the Democratic Party against the common enemy: their union brought into being the great Republican party. The uniting what seemed to have so little affinity has been laid to the matchless political chymistry of Mr. Jefferson: hastily; for it lasts to this day. The great Republican party Mr. Jefferson, and with others Mr. Langdon, made, carried through and upheld to their last hour. To such men the praise of political sagacity is justly due: those that felt most trouble of mind about the central government's not being enough felt throughout the confederation, have long since owned their blunder: and love of the enchanted land seems not like to be left unimplanted by education, of the whole of it; or to weaken with time; or pride for its grandeur lessen with the growth of its power. To the Republican leaders of ninety-six the praise of political sagacity is justly due: it is loudly and sincerely given. But asks the startled European liberal: "did not calling the League a Democratick party ever strike you like sporting with that holy name? What say you gentlemen, Democrats of ninety-six? Speak out!" "We did not call it a Democratic party: we called it a Republican party: we know as well as you do that of all Aristocratick systems, ours is the deepest rooting, the loftiest shooting, the widest branching, the rankest, most baneful and deadly weed; unelevated by the danger, unnerved by the effort to tame men of our own race; a nobless with the most servile of God's creatures for its peasantry: we know too that the world will not take for an answer the single fitness of the men for menial offices and rustick toil, their unfitness for political power; the rest of the world does not dispute that that may be given to all who Are fit for it; and we know that we hold and proudly have sworn that Political power should be given to All people, whether they be Fit to use it or No: we know all this: if this League of which African slavery is the basis, grow to a historick party, and that take the name of Democratick, and turn the enemies' cannon on ourselves, we have not yet given it; our intestine rivals have nothing to say: we found a slavery we hope will be extinguished; they, with equal pretensions to purity to their own country at first, and to every other still, are trying to bring a new one in, the most insulting, the most subtle, the most perfect, the most hopeless and most hateful of all." "Well then: this is the only answer you can make, but it does not enable me to answer the defiance of my antagonist to prove that Democratick government has ever subsisted." Mr. Langdon was no casuist; though most of his sworn friends were Southern gentlemen, and most of its gentlemen were his friends and of his party, we never heard him illustrating the Democratick nature of African Slavery.

This league however was forming its line of battle under a Democratick standard, when over its head burst the French revolution. The Republican

party was thrown on the defensive. Mr. Langdon held his ground: with Mr. Jefferson he had courage enough to maintain his principles in the tremendous confusion which disturbed the judgement of almost all, ground the sharp weapons of party-warfare to their keenest edge, and gave plenty of sincerity, depth and fury to the strife. For both parties it was a clever, stirring rallying-word. But nothing was more preposterous than to couple the leaders of the Republican party with the guillotining convention of Paris, on one ground. The pure States Rights Party was a majority of the Republican party: the National Assembly took upon itself to destroy every sort of provincial government and prerogative in France. France was in the hands of the ruffians that wielded the mob of Paris: Robespierre, master of France, could not have escaped their vigilance and got out of France, had he tried; as there is reason to think he had sense enough to have done if he could. To keep off a centralized democracy, wielded by an oligarchy, was the professed purpose of the Republican party with Mr. Jefferson at its head (we truly believe Mr. Jefferson, though far from a faultless personage, to have deeply loved his country and have rested his reputation on the durable success of the great experiment. Partly because he found it made to his hand, partly because he spied, where no others choose to look for it, a practicable and good curb in the mouth of pure democracy, we believe the leader held to his heart so warmly these convenient allies. The States Rights doctrine is essentially a conservative principle. He saw in it an invulnerable champion for ever of the rights of minorities. If it expel him from his band of metaphysical democrats, it exalts him to a prophetic patriot). While some were proscribed as Federalists here, for seeking to aggrandize the central government at the expense of the States, the democratick party of the young republick held different notions, and guillotined them there, under the same name, on the charge of seeking to aggandize the provinces at the expense of the central government (Robespierre, Danton, Billaud and Company) representing the people. From Mr. Langdon the rhetorick nor glory of "La Republique une et indivisible," the career of the head of the great French military democracy nor the splendours of the imperial throne, never wrung an applauding word. But he saw no cause to haul down the flag he had sent up. The name of Jacobin could not drive him from his Democratick ground. From his choice of party to his twelfth year of senatorship, neither the flattering friendship of President Washington, the sophistry nor the courting of his secretary of the treasury, from whom he said he received the highest compliment he ever did in his life, the fury of John Adams's reign, the drawing rooms of Philadelphia, of which he was said to be a distinguished ornament, nor the long, the long discouragement of a minority, ever dictated a vote of this well-tried Democrat. What completes the whole, though the honor afterward paid him, by a great and triumphant party, for this political career of his as a senator, was boundless wherever he was known, and though for twelve years he was the gayest of men, and conceded to be one of the most engaging and elegant men and finished gentlemen in the most exclusive circles in the United States, we never knew him to speak of this part of his life, of himself, in the course of our lives. The speech of the secretary to him,

we never heard him tell but once, but the spirit with which he told it, showed he understood it, and he was not a man to mistake the meanings of others. The modes of the Washingtonian era were nearer the days of Sir Roger de Coverley than ours. On some occasion he happened to take the secretary home with him in his carriage: "Sir," said Mr. Langdon, "you are riding with one of your staunchest political enemies;" "Sir," said General Hamilton, throwing his hat down on the floor of the chariot, "I see an honest man." His friend, Mr. Randolph, distinguished him in a parenthesis in our day, (we do not know that the speech was reported,) not to the advantage of some others: "the Democrats of the North too were with us, Sir; the Democrats of the North, Sir," (correcting himself, "I mean John Langdon and the Respectable and Honest Democrats of the North, Sir;") &c. Even Cobbett let him alone; "good Johnny Langdon too; what does he know about it?" being about the force of the blow the great English Ishmael condescended to strike.

Consurgitur ex concilio: the Republican party was a minority of the senate through Mr. Langdon's long service as senator. He with all the senate but five, voted for the first Bank of the United States: directly after the establishment of the constitution of the general government: when in consequence of the pre-eminent ill-successfulness of the attempt of Congress and the States to carry on their war with their credit and in a methodical manner, instead of leaving it to its revolutionary destinies and betaking themselves simply to coercive requisition, which, had not France held them up, they must in the end have done or receive the dictation of the English crown, the republick was happy to catch at any rope; and the nature of the new power it was tampering with, about as well understood as that of some chymical power existing in nature, but not yet found out. He voted for this bank: and was, we suppose, an original subscriber of some account. We have always been professed enemies to the whole American Banking System, have no enmity to such a bank alone: and will not discuss his vote, having discussed the whole subject enough elsewhere. We believe he had been concerned in the Bank of North America: the real first National Bank: he was an intimate friend of Robert Morris. He even thought it, with other Democratick leaders, of indispensable use and necessity to establish a Democratick bank at home: the artillery of a battery the enemy had established in a redoubt of that description was felt severely in his ranks. His glance over the political field was always unclouded. Whether the enemy defended their redoubt from a point of honor or considered it the key of their position, we do not know; but they fought gallantly and their intrenchments were fairly stormed, before they would let any body have a bank but themselves. Mr. Langdon did not think it a crime to bear arms, when he had declared war in a good cause, much less did he throw them down when he had got to the field of battle. He could not keep the enemy, of course, from his choice of weapons, and was fortunately even better master of those they chose than they were themselves. To overthrow the unprincipled party predominant in his native State, like Julius's mixed troops at Pharsalia, some chosen light troops on the enemy's uncovered flank, made more

decisive the advance of Republican principles in his line. He fought them in short with their own weapons; but where he gave one dollar, the enemy threatened to take away ten: Cato said he bribed when the constitution and liberties of Rome were contending for. The offices of the general government in New Hampshire, after the Republican party was saved, were sometimes held by his connexions: he not choosing to recommend where he had no certainty of established Republican spirit; but Mr. Langdon was liberal in his turn: his purse was always open to throw light into the most distant corners of the State through Republican newspapers and shield from the oppressions of a vindictive aristocracy the democratick poor. History is customarily composed by people who know nothing about it. Nobody is fit to write one of any branches of the English race, that has not carried through contested elections himself: and if the history of these States go on as it is going, it will get to be as true as the legends of Livy: who wanted no German literati to tell him that his veracity was questionable, when he tell us at setting out that his great republick did not deserve a human origin. Mr. Langdon voted in the senate for the Funding system, and his colleague, Mr. Wingate, against it. For it: both senators from Massachusetts, Connecticut, New-York, New-Jersey, and South Carolina, Mr. Morris of Pennsylvania, Mr. Read of Delaware and Mr. Carroll of Maryland: fourteen: all the others against it: twelve. He voted against assuming, or trying to assume the real debts of the States: this was the culminating point of the Hamiltonian rocket: it passed the House of Representatives, even Mr. Gerry helping: Mr. Langdon by his own efforts stopped it in the Senate. After this, party lines were plainly drawn: farther conversation of the sentinels at the out-posts was forbidden and stragglers except for information as to the state of the enemy, strictly punished.

Party allegiance must have at first, indeed all along have been inadequately understood or acknowledged; for the right Republican party was in a minority in his State till some years after Mr. Langdon left his Senate. His opposition to the whole process of the treaty with England and its injunction of secresy, soon turned on him, as nearly the only senator from north of Mason's and Dixon's line that voted against Jay's treaty, the artillery of party abuse and menace; and we have been so used in New Hampshire to something else, certain persons that once thought so well of him and Mr. Jefferson afterwards keeping him to swear by here, and the other everywhere else, that he shows strangely in this historick light for a time: and we have had in our possession a letter from his sworn friend Mr. Butler, of South Carolina, gravely asking liberty to contradict a rumor of his having turned his horse's head, on his way home, to get clear of being mobbed for his vote or some such thing: a correspondence which must raise a smile, between two such dignitaries of the Republican church as him and Pierce Butler. Long since the death of both of these two of the ten fierce and sworn defenders of the old Republican faith, through its darkest and gloomiest days, the grandchild of one is married to that of the other. Mr. Langdon had now to face a danger he was more like to take account of than of his limbs; for the first time in his life, that of public odium: he faced it. We own that a man, to

whom popularity was the breath of his nostrils, wants to be seen at intervals swimming against a strong stream, to set him off. We are strangely given to question, all of us, the sincerity of people who are always on the strongest side. Most of us have a strange craving to see, in some period or other, of every body's history, a real desperate resistance of the man to superior odds: to see what he is, we suppose. Some of us, if the truth must be told, love more a series of furious rallies than a very smooth stream of triumphs; and love to see courageous self-defence when it is surest to fail. Though he knows the dogs must tear him to pieces, when does the stag look so handsome as when he turns to bay? Mr. Langdon was in New Hampshire when the alien and sedition laws were passed: he lost no time in making known his judgment concerning them. He likewise stood stanchly against the warlike drift of President Adams's majorities, getting sometimes into a minority of five, in which there found himself with him a young gentleman whose after-conspicuousness as a captain and statesman, he may or may not have foreseen. Mr. Langdon was very happy in nursing the destinies of every party he joined. Investigation of his political life but discovers some overlooked debt his country owes him. In this Republican conservatory his fortunate hand helped to ripen the Democratic bud which afterward dazzled us when it blew into such a gorgeous flower. This young gentleman was the Honorable Andrew Jackson of Tennessee. The gentleman who voted with him against the treaty, however, was the celebrated Mr. James Jackson, of Georgia, a native Englishman; of whom we should have more account, as besides his talents, he was beyond all dispute the earliest, most consistent, thoroughbred, and unapproachable Democrat of the whole party. Mr. Langdon was not a speaking senator: from temper, a characteristick dislike to argument and comparisons, and an unfortunate anti-democratick notion, now exploded, that it demanded more education than he had had. And too with their disgust at the trappings of royalty and hatred of excessive refinement, both of the great republicks seemed unexpectedly to look for a rhetorick enchased and ornamented to a degree which that den of aristocrats, England, scoffed at and despised. He had pretty much forgotten at his age all but his own business and the concerns of his constituents and his country; and would not have shone in a forum crowded to suffocation with Ciceros. Be that as it may, he did not try to do what so many stood ready to do for him: whether, indeed, if its Congresses were thickly sown with men of his cast, men whose character and standing are become fixed and known, if, however paradoxical it may seem, its Congresses were made up more of people who owed their being sent there to any other merit or remarkable quality on the face of the earth, than such as would most naturally inspire a confidence of their making a figure after they got there, the great republick would lose by the exchange, is still an uncertainty. What he did say in publick was to the purpose. His messages and letters are good. A phrase in one of them of trust in the destinies of his party, a few months before Mr. Jefferson's triumph, "that we should yet be saved," has long since got to be current political coin of the realm. Drawing towards the close of his senatorship, order was established in France by the First Consul: the nocturnal thunder storms left

off here as the sun of Jefferson rose above the horizon. Mr. Langdon was accustomed to bring things to a complete and perfect period; he had reached his sixty-second year, how restlessly he would have borne the triumph of the Federal party, we do not know; he saw his friend triumphant and left the scene. His station was just his own; looked to by a party in power, adored by the multitude where he was known, still as ever an amiable and fortunate private gentlemen, and where he could leave off when it looked to every body that he might have gone much farther.

Had he kept on with unaltered pace at sixty-two, and ambition had grown out of the victory of his party; it would have been, what he never elsewhere did, doing things in an outrageous degree: he had none of that sullen energy, the force of whose blows grows with the struggle, which always must go on to deeper stakes: much less did he want to talk and act politician forever, and die on the fourth of July: his life was ripening, and he turned to the land of his fathers. He was become a sort of citizen of Philadelphia, where he had passed much of his time for more than twenty-five years, and was better known than any where else, and he came back to Portsmouth, meaning to leave New Hampshire no more. We believe he never left it after, except on the last illness of his sister, the wife of Governor James Sullivan of Massachusetts. His relatives seemed to like the Democratick camp; for his niece married Governor William Eustace, of the same State and party. Mr. Langdon never was prone to talking in his retirement, of the numerous scenes in which he had been no looker on. But of secret springs, of what made the American war and protected it, of what fabricated the constitution and reared on it its funding and banking domes, what picking and compounding of ingredients made the great Republican party; he had thorough knowledge: the heroes and demigods of our Iliad and Odyssey; he knew them all. Had he taken the secretaryship of the Navy, which somebody says Mr. Jefferson offered him about this time, we know nothing about it, it would have given a different cast to his friend's naval policy. He meant to leave off for good: this project he did not altogether execute; but the rest of his political career belongs to his native State, in which it was as brilliant as the theatre could make it.

He served as member of the House of Representatives of this State for four years consecutively. He was then induced to become candidate for the office of its governor: after a well contested election he was chosen: and re-elected three times. His popularity in New Hampshire it is not easy to tell: it was all-pervading, unattackable and irreversible: it subsists to this day. He had declined running again: 1809: the consequence was the immediate election of a candidate of the other party. Mr. Langdon went so far to please his friends as to come to the post once more; won the race for his friends, and another heat still in a canter: 1811. This reappearance on the political turf was against his wishes. About these days, what we never heard of till we happened to see it in an old newspaper, the stanchness of his support of all Mr. Jefferson's policy may have been questioned by somebody, for he takes the strange step of coming out with a manifesto in its favour. A real wish to leave the stage may have been construed into abatement of

his Democratick zeal. He however, we think, sometime after contributed to set up a since well-known and powerful defender of the Democratick faith, then a young printer at Concord. His enemies possibly may have doubted, or his friends not have known that he was already beginning to think of things they never dreamed of in a man so worldly. He declined the almost unanimous caucus-nomination at Washington of his party for Vice President of the United States, and Elbridge Gerry took his place. He served, however, as elector and voted for Mr. Madison as late as: 1812. This was the last act of his political life: he was seventy three years old; and now he received a blow from which he never rallied, the death of Mrs. Langdon, though the youngest by twenty-two years. This man, whose history, for forty political years may be embraced in the simple statement that he was a party man usually in the fullest sense of the word, was feeling what the simplest hearts are not always willing to own. "It is not affectation: my mind of itself turns to nothing but the world I am hastening to and the days of my childhood: it may be the imbecility of age, but seventy years I have almost forgotten; the tall youth, that left home with fifty dollars in his pocket, the ocean on which he made his fortune, the senate-rooms, the counting-rooms and the ball-rooms where he passed so much of his life, are to me the history of a stranger: I hear my mother's voice as I am playing at the door in the chips of the house I was born in: when by myself I turn to the days of my childhood." These dreams were not laid to Mr. Langdon's charge, but give reason enough for his leaving his party to itself. He had lived long enough to see scattered colonists growing to a mighty nation, to see more tributary streams meet than ever yet met in the deep and single current of one nation's fortune, he had played his part for just forty years; and he thought it full time for the fathers to leave the children to own and defend their awful inheritance for themselves. Politicks were for the living, not for the dead. They were no longer his business on the threshold of the grave: and religion had taken their place.

When Mr. Langdon to his masterly comprehension of less momentous concerns proceeded to add a clear perception of these we do not know: but here his and his friend Mr. Jefferson's journeys were widely apart. We cannot ourselves remember when he was not, unobstrusively, but strongly and proudly devout. Without much austerity, though once in a while its unexpected presence showed it was not put on, he worshipped at the then national altar of New-England Calvinism. His eyes remained unclouded to the political or other virtues of his friends by their different sentiments with respect to a thing which all must think of more importance than all others, that think it of importance at all. A great majority of his spiritual friends were political antagonists and his next-door neighbour and pastor: another next-door neighbour was an active political ally and even a companion though suspected of a very hovering faith. In his religion still reigned the premeditated purpose, the deliberate arrangement and the polished and wary deference of the man of the world. Two people could not well believe in each others sincerity and soundness of mind both, one of whom hoped with all his soul that he was a Christian, and the other treated the gospel as an

imposture; and his personal friendship for one great man, who of all others did most, right or wrong, to set aside all public acknowledgement of belief in the gospel, a doctrine which, with all horror at the union of church and state, in people that believe its truth we do not profess to understand, shows that he looked upon politicks as a political business of life, in which his friend's worldly judgment might be good, if in nothing else. We cannot reconcile the matter ourselves, though others would find it so easy: but we believe Mr. Langdon to have been sincere in his religion. His religious phasis was the noblest of his life: no loss of friends, no loss of fortune, no disappointment drove him from the world; it was the deepest harmony of a long and well-spent life, the serenest calm of masculine old age. After we remember him, the ceremony of family worship came over as surely as the morning and the evening, and his avoidance of loose and profane conversation was that of his sect. But he could not hide himself in the cloak of Geneva. A boundless benevolence of heart, a strength of domestick affection and the love of pleasing, so strangely mixed in him with other things, burst through every garb he chose to put on to the last breath he ever drew.

He wound up his maritime concerns at the exact time the great fortunes of New-England began to be made, and substituted no professed employment for them. He took to being neither farmer nor countrygentleman. He had not enough money for the last; but in a country that would suffer the growth of such a plant, he was not unqualified by nature for attempting the character with some success. The first he never showed any turn for: though over fond of owning land, troubling himself about fruittrees and such like, which fill up time and talk, but cost little and have nothing to do with farming, with a lurking turn for horses and extraordinarily given to talking to country people. An ever-working, never-ending activity, a Saxon energy against odds, deep running in deep ground, was not Mr. Langdon's distinguishing characteristick: though he had these qualities full as much as often does much good. He never understood a large agricultural operation, nor, after he left his father's house, lived out of some town or other, great or little, that we know of. No one could converse with him or with men of his sort here in that day, without perceiving that they thought that every thing but commerce and speculation was other people's business, not theirs. What fortune he had himself he had made by traffick. His youth fell on the straining growth of colonial navigation, his middle age on the American war: then came publick life, he was at home a sort of absentee: then came the twenty years war: there was but one thing thought of in the way of business, in that day of little seaports, built up as quick as the ships and rotting as soon, of barn-like houses stuck upon gravelly hills stripped of their forests, straight rounded turnpike-roads, the West Indian trade, the youth of New-Hampshire drawn from the plough to die in Demarara, swaggering, dram-drinking, trotting-horses and Lombardy poplars, which we piously hope will not come back again.

Though fond of money, Mr. Langdon's benevolence reached farther than tenderness to other people's heresies and expanded with his years. One might have thought that some early crimes were to be expiated by ecclesias-

tical and charitable gifts. His genius for the counting house enabled his enemies to lay this to ostentation. They were wrong: it was the love of pleasing; a well in his heart that never ran dry. After he was come back from Philadelphia, he rejoiced to entertain all the company that honoured Portsmouth with their presence: at his own table he was himself: every man that ever graced it, from President Washington to the farmer from Winnipisauky, or the Calvinist from Andover, was sure to leave him a personal, if not a political friend for life; and few ever withstood him that he meant to gain. But the last twenty years of his life were not passed in much company: his wife, a widowed sister who had buried eight sons, whose husband had been a Royalist, and who had lived in the cities of Boston and New York throughout English occupation of them and was a mine of Royalist history, and some of his grandchildren, making his family. Mr. Langdon was one of those men upon whom nature chooses to shower her gifts of person and manners with an uncommonly generous hand: his enemies said they were the best part of the man: to deny them was impossible. His natural good-breeding reached the limits of the science, and he passed through forty years of politicks without the tradition of a personal quarrel. His gentlemanliness was completely finished, and stood rubrick in the courtly circles of President Washington's reign: Presidency we mean; but it was the same thing. His politeness was irresistible, and of its effects, innumerable humerous stories remain. John Langdon, it was said, could more certainly make a friend for life of a man in refusing to lend him money, than his brother Woodbury in granting his prayer. But it was an armour of proof, which dazzled and repelled all familiarity of itself: when he was called the worst sort of a Jacobin, no man was ever familiar with Governor Langdon. The politest, the most filled with real general good-will of any man in the world, nobody was ever more embarrassed by any one's presence than his, that went to ask him a favour. Most of those great men, in whose urns we shall ever worship the ashes of such daring antagonists of the artificial inequalities, such victorious champions of the destined and eternal equality of man assumed an august elevation of air and behaviour, an Asiatick stateliness (impracticable, at least unknown in the imperial capitals of the old world); a symbol of just pride in the favour of the people. He mixed with it an intoxicating condescension: if it deserve that name; for he did not think, as some in courting the people, it would please all of them to lower himself: this is a compliment of a dangerous nature, and may act upon wrong associations of ideas: he paid them another compliment, and affected to raise them all to a level of himself: in getting hearts in return for politeness and political virtues, he was absolutely unrivalled. As the fashion of the day, he travelled always in his own carriage or on horseback: the chariot is worth description, but the worthy Governor riding into the country with holsters and housings to his saddle, much more; though a good horseman, with a turn for them he said he got from father and grandfather both, with an orthodox taste in them uncommon in a New Englander, with cocked hat and boots, the crooked, calveless legs of the mounted African following, with leather-breeches and innumerable watch-seals, making a strange foil to

the celebrated limbs of his principal. Cyrus, who was a Jersey negro and a Royalist, was as well known in New Hampshire as the Governor himself; died in his house, and was followed by him and all of us to his grave in the same churchyard where his master lies; the celebrated and superb Doctor Joseph Buckminster attending in person. Though not so handsome a man as his brother, Mr. Langdon was so uncommonly well-looking as to be remarked and recollected wherever he went. We cannot remember him such ourselves; but he was unquestionably of very perfect symmetry and rather large stature: fresh but not very fair, with blue eyes, a strong, straight English nose, like the portraits of the English Edwards, particularly King Edward the first, and lost no tooth till past seventy. After seventy he failed, his wife's death aggravated it, but the taper burned in the socket and he did not die, and then of a sort of bronchial consumption, till September: 1820: having nearly completed his eightieth year.

We have thus given, all we profess to, "some account of JOHN LANGDON." His part in the world was not that which justifies a stately biography. Our judgment of some things he was mixed up with will not meet with commendation and we do not expect it. We have certainly tried to keep from overpraising kindred blood. Against him, it is certain, that all his worst enemies made out to say, and political ones he had plenty, was, in despair of getting people to care for what they raked up against him, that bitter pill for an enemy to take down, was, that instead of following up rigid principles with the most sorrowful deviations from them through life like many, Mr. Langdon on the contrary performed the feat of uniting with benevolence, uprightness and religion, an instinctive, refined and consummate, knowledge of the world. He did so. But; though being still the most really amiable and benevolent man in the world, the fondest of pleasing and of giving way, he never lost sight of his real interest in his life; though he loved political power and laid hands on it; though he loved money and knew how to get it; yet all his offices were forced on him, with age he grew careless of money and too generous for his means, and more than half of his long life, and his knowledge of business in traffick's most palmy days, he gave up to his Country and his Party. We cannot make up a life of him. It degenerates into general eulogy. A little river makes ten times as much noise, dancing down rocks from one barren plain to another, bringing nothing and leaving nothing, as one of the wandering horse-ponds of the West, so quiet to see, floating slowly, arching themselves with such monstrous foliage and flooding such gorgeous meadows. There are tempers which could have shown us, with such chances as he had, plenty of contrasts and broken schemes, heroisms to brag of and absurdities to laugh at: and of biography these things are the soul. His right to praise rests not more on what he did than on what he did not: he never incurred of his own act a calamity nor a mortification in the course of his life; he never got anything on his hands to explain or make up for; he never showed his talents in getting himself out of difficulties he got himself into: we can say in a word what we always stand ready to lay to the charge of such men: that is; the want of sincerity. And to some it is done most justly. But it is not satisfactory proof of a man's

having a false heart, that nothing he ever did in his life, can be made by his enemies to stand as wrong before the world. Whatever the motives of his actions may have been, through every season and adventure of his long and varied life, not only were they full of worldly wisdom, but more than is common they were generous, manly and good. Must some suspect him, because he was just what every body wanted to be himself, and got what every body wanted to have himself in so delightful and so exquisite a way? But what is the court before which, and who are the men by whom for this he stands arraigned? Are they the men to argue that trying to withstand the world is the path on which the great and good should always be found? that useless virtues should be instilled? success despised and our interest scorned? If they be, we have less to answer. Who schools such doctrines here? Utilitarianism does not hold them: hers is the national worship, and she fears no rival faith.

Though he is of the "Ilian gens," the direct descendant of the first band of Englishmen that brought to New-Hampshire their laws and their blood, we will not quote for him three lines from the noblest of dirges, that his political friends, if they tell the truth, would think so well to be fitted to John Langdon: we will leave the imperial hexameters to go back to Rome's homelier Latin, for a real domestick epitaph, the very sound of which suits better what we remember of our worthy ancestor: they are simple and beautiful in themselves and seem written for our Republick's Senator too, though found, almost in our age, in the Roman Scipio's tomb:

Gnaivo prognatus fortis vir sapiensque
Quoius forma virtuti parissuma fuet;
Consul, Censor, Aedilis quei fuet apud vos;
Honc oinom ploirume consentiont Romane
Duonorom optumom fuise virom.

In yet homelier English:

Of honest stock: courage and wisdom crowned
The man who still good as he looked was found;
Whom all its honours to his country bound:
Best of the best in his New-Hampshire home:
A better Consul from Patrician Rome
Was never carried to the Scipios' tomb.

CORRECTIONS.

Page 57, for *Rev. . . . Wight*, read *Rev. Henry Wight.*
Page 549, for *1875*, read *1785*.
Page 572, for *Supreme*, read *Superior*.
Page 572, for *then*, in note 1, read *when*.
Page 574, for *first*, in note 12, read *third*.
Page 574, for *wherever*, in note 13, read *wherein*.
Page 592, after *orders*, in twelfth paragraph, insert [Cedars].

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